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## Who's Who and What's What

The Woman's Missionary Union of Lucedale Baptist Church had their study on Home Missions Feb. 26, 1935, in the pastor's home, Rev. G. S. Jenkins, preceding our March Week of Prayer.

A "baby-grand" recently came to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Mark Lowry, Silver Creek. Weight, regulation 7 pounds. More music. Congratulations.

Fifteen members of the American Congress are foreign born, coming from Canada, Wales, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Poland, Italy, Denmark, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Small wonder that we have occasional confusion.

Here's a suggestion: An exchange tells of a tired preacher who sat down on a park seat, leaving his hat upside down at his feet. He fell asleep and when he waked he found \$1.25 in his hat.

Dr. Axling, missionary in Japan in writing about the poverty stricken conditions of people in parts of that land says: "Do you wonder that in face of these conditions we feel almost wicked to be warmly housed and well fed? We are denying ourselves in many ways that more of the little children of the northland may be saved from starving." God help us all to feel another's woes, and to make Christian response to them.

The Catholic church controlled Mexico for a century. Finally the people revolted and a revolutionary government put a crimp in the Catholic control. And now the Catholics in this country are insisting on running the government down in Mexico by using the government of the United States as a cat's paw. Catholics have certainly exercised a large influence in the present administration, but we hardly think the government is ready to surrender to them.

Brother Moulder must have recovered from the "flu," as he writes: "Last Sunday in February was a great day. Visited three sick folks Sunday morning, preached at my home church at eleven, at Sardis at 2 p. m.; at Goodhope at 4; ordained one preacher, Clyde Parkman; licensed one preacher, Hewlett Currie. Had brother Hardy Hawkins and Ora Buckley at the ordination. Had services at the home church at night, and ordained another preacher, Gurley Henderson, brethren Hawkins and Buckley participating. Parkman and Henderson are both fine consecrated young men and bid fair to make good in the Lord's work."

In the Canadian Baptist we find: The existence of beverage rooms in Ontario continues to create an acute aggravation of the liquor nuisance. While the riotous scenes that characterized their inauguration have somewhat subsided, the steady seepage of alcohol by means of this system is doing serious damage throughout the Province. Expenditure for drink is enormous; relief is interfered with; drunkenness is much more frequent; numerous persons previously addicted but sober for years have returned to their vices; young men are succumbing to new temptations; women are drinking and stark tragedy in accidents directly traceable to indulging is awakening public alarm.

Brother Clarence Palmer asks that his mail be sent hereafter to Bethany, and no longer to Iuka.

Everything you sell has advanced in price; everything you buy has advanced in price—except your religious paper. That comes to you below the cost of production.

Prof. E. O. Sellers, of the Extension Department of the Baptist Bible Institute, begins a meeting in the Dauphine Way Church of Mobile, Alabama, March 10, Dr. C. B. Arendall, pastor.

Rev. B. W. Hudson has been called to and will serve Chalybeate and Providence churches in Tippah County and West Corinth Church in Alcorn County. His address is changed from Rienzi to Chalybeate. Thanks for an invitation to visit him and his.

Oklahoma Baptists showed the greatest interest ever in their state school, Oklahoma Baptist University, by coming in large numbers to the celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary. They recounted its heroic history and pledged their loyalty for the future.

Dr. F. Scott McBride, General Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America will speak at Meridian on the 14th of March, Central Methodist Church; at Vicksburg the 20th at Crawford Street Methodist Church; and on the 21st in Jackson at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church. He will probably speak in other places in Mississippi, dates to be published later.

H. D. Coombs of Baltimore, vice-president of the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co., is quoted in the Commercial Appeal as saying "Automobiles killed more people last year than in any year since they were invented. If accidents continue to increase, the insurance rates will be too high for a reliable automobile owner." And this is the price we are paying and have to pay for prohibition repeal.

Sunday found the editor preaching for the church at Lena and visiting a few of them during the day. They are working through a committee to locate a pastor at an early date. It was here that Dr. O. P. Gilbert, now editor of the Christian Index of Georgia was licensed to preach, when Dr. H. P. Hurt was moderator. Brother Hendricks showed me the field where brother Gilbert once practiced the primitive art of a plowman. He did it so well the Lord called him to preach, and then the Lord and the brethren put him to editing the paper.

Brother N. S. Jackson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, got these figures from the police office in Meridian. Arrests for drunkenness rose from 245 in 1932 to 484 in 1933, and to 802 in 1934. Arrests for drunken driving increased from 10 in 1932 to 34 in 1933 and 73 in 1934. And that is what the change in liquor laws have done for one city in Mississippi. Total number of arrests for all causes in these three years were 1,213 and 1,789 and 2,382. Figures furnished by the chief of police in Gulfport for the second six months in 1932 are 93 drunks, in 1933 (same period) 106 drunks, for 1934 were 294 drunks, an increase of more than threefold. Arrests for drunken driving in Gulfport in the same period were eight for the first year, ten for the second and nine for the third year. Total arrests were 412, and 432 and 957 for these periods.

Texas Baptists are said to have 89 missionaries and workers employed by their State Board.

Mr. J. L. Craft, nationally known layman of Chicago was one of the speakers at the Texas Baptist Laymen's Conference.

Of 423 daily papres in the United States which were interrogated 273 said they refuse all liquor advertising.

Pastor G. C. Hodge will have Dr. L. G. Gates and Singer Otis Perry with him in a meeting in First Church, Biloxi, beginning the third Sunday in March. Your praying will help.

Dr. I. D. Eavenson and the Cleveland church will have Dr. W. C. Boone of Jackson, Tenn., with them in a revival meeting beginning March 24.

April 2-4 is the date of the State W. M. U. Convention at Corinth. Our women will do well to reserve it for this purpose and keep it in mind.

White churches of Oklahoma City conducted a city-wide training school for Negro Baptists recently at which the average attendance was 344.

Brookhaven church has not lacked for good preaching lately. Last Sunday Dr. O. P. Estes of Bogalusa was with them. The Sunday before, Dr. J. W. Mayfield of McComb filled the pulpit.

This week the Baptist churches of Shreveport are having a doctrinal revival, that is each night each pastor in the city preaches in some church other than his own on some Bible doctrine, services being held at every church every night, by this exchange of pulpits.

First Church, Austin, Texas, gave the new pastor, Dr. S. G. Posey, a great welcome the first Sunday in February. The biggest attendance at Sunday school and B. T. U. Twenty-one were added to the church, the house (including balconies) was crowded. Their offering for the day was \$727.86.

Baptists in Mississippi have never wakened to the obligation we owe to destitute orphan children. We are very poorly providing for the 250 we have in our children's home. But these are a small part of our obligation. There are hundreds who are asking help and have to be refused. It is our obligation to take care of all of them, and not merely a small fraction of them. May the Lord open our eyes, and our pocket books.

Before it is everlastingly too late we wish to make a suggestion to the honorable brethren who are to prepare the program for the next preachers' and Laymen's conference meeting in Meridian in November. One of the most vital questions among us today is the Country Church. Why not give a whole session, one-third of the time to discussion of this question? How are these churches getting along? Are they growing stronger or weaker? Are they growing fewer or more in number? Where is the weak spot? What can be done to help? Are they to be storehouses of spiritual energy, or the objects of missionary nurture? There are some brethren who could give helpful discussion of these matters in The Baptist Record. You are invited so to do.



## Sparks and Splinters

Baptist churches in New Orleans give \$40.00 a month to the Baptist Rescue Mission in that city, a Home Mission project.

Thirty persons around Vicksburg have been bitten by dogs and are taking the Pasteur treatment. Police have orders to shoot all dogs not wearing muzzles. It's time to wake up.

It's always good news when officers go after law violators. Mayor E. S. Candler of Corinth has declared war on the slot machines and the city has had a cleaning up. More strength to your arm, Your Honor, and may your kind multiply.

Mussolini is rattling his sword again, and this time threatens little Abyssinia with seven million men. Of all the national bullies he is the worst the world has seen for a long time.

It is said that the average span of life for a man is 58 years while that for a woman is 61. Liquor and tobacco will partly explain the difference.

Louisiana Baptists have selected Kearnie Keegan to have charge of their State Sunday School and B. T. U. work, succeeding brother Joe B. Mosely deceased. He resigns as pastor of Natchitoches April 1.

President Roosevelt has refused to recall Ambassador Josephus Daniels, the demand of the Roman Catholics in this country to the contrary. If it is a good thing for our government not to get mixed up in the entanglement of European affairs, it is still better not to meddle with things in Mexico.

And now they tell us that "Babe Ruth" will get \$80,000 this year for playing ball. This is an index of what we Americans place the highest value on. Players get the money and workers get the "relief." And may the Lord have mercy on us poor morons. A worker ought to get a living, but no man is worth \$80,000.00 while his fellowmen go hungry.

Mrs. Alice Timberlake passed away at her home in Clinton Feb. 26. She was the widow of Prof. Timberlake who taught in Mississippi College and who preceded her to the heavenly home by more than fifty years. Prof. Timberlake came to Mississippi from Virginia. Mrs. Timberlake was a native of Mississippi. She had lived in Clinton for sixty years and after her husband's death taught in the public schools. Two of her daughters also, Miss Elise and Miss "Lal", have been successful as teachers, the former still teaching in Hillman College. The body of Mrs. Timberlake was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the Clinton Cemetery. She was a woman of beautiful culture and gentle Christian spirit, known to more than one generation who come and go at Clinton.

Alabama voted last week on three questions pertaining to the liquor laws: (1) Modification of existing dry laws, (2) Legalization of the sale of beer and wine and (3) Legalization of hard liquor. Nearly every county in the state voted dry on every one of these questions. That does not mean that there was a big majority, but it does mean that the sentiment of the people throughout most of the state is the same. The three counties in which the large cities are located all voted wet by large majorities, while the rural counties voted dry. The three large cities are Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery. This vote was taken in order to guide the legislature as to what action should be taken in the matter. But the wet advocates have neither good morals nor good sportmanship. They are already talking of exempting the large cities from the prohibition laws of the state. But this very point was one of those at issue in the recent voting. We congratulate the dry forces of the state on their victory. Judge H. L. Anderson of Birmingham led the dry forces. The Alabama Baptist was one of the chief agencies for good in the fight.

Hazlehurst Baptists increased the number of subscribers to the Record last week from 18 to 42. Greetings to these new readers.

Major Robert Moton having regained his health will continue to serve as president of Tuskegee Institute at the solicitation of friends of the school.

The Federal Housing Administration will lend money to churches for building. Our advice is let it alone. There has been too much borrowing already, and we have doubts about the propriety of the state ever lending money to a church.

Editor Solomon of the Florida Witness holds Dr. Jno. L. Hill, editor of Home and Foreign Fields, largely responsible for the muddle into which Georgetown College has gotten on account of the retaining as president a man who was immersed by a Cambellite. Dr. Hill is the president of the Board of Trustees of Georgetown College.

Congress is being asked by the Arkansas Legislature to take cognizance of Commonwealth College in Arkansas, and other similar institutions lest they overthrow the government. Never heard of Commonwealth College? Well there are lots of folks who never did. But it must be a powerful institution or the government must be in its tottering, doddering old age, if a little school like that can threaten to dynamite the whole political situation. What's wrong in Arkansas?

News despatches from DeLand, Florida, announce the early coming to Stetson University of Mr. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., to organize and conduct the Department of Journalism in this Florida Baptist school. Stetson has an endowment of a million, and as much or more in buildings, with a student body of more than 500 and rapidly growing. Mr. Lipsey taught journalism a few years ago in Baylor University, and has been an active newspaper man for ten years. He began with the Clarion Ledger of Jackson, was with a national news agency in several Southern cities; then in London and Geneva for six years. For nearly two years he has been in Washington City and in New York. He will find congenial work and workers at Stetson.

in larger lots. Order from the above publisher.

The Drew Baptist Church is glad to have had Mr. Auber J. Wilds to conduct a recent training course in the B. T. U. Department. Beginning next Sunday, March 3, Mr. E. C. Williams will teach a class in "The True Functions of the Sunday School." Under the leadership of the pastor, J. H. Kyzar, plans are in the making for a series of services some time in late April or early May.

"Prohibition Facts" is a handbook recently compiled by W. G. Calderwood, published by Prohibition Facts Service, 986 Fifteenth Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. The question and answer method is used, and all facts pertinent to the question of temperance are brought out. These are classified under Science, Philosophy, Legislation, History and Repeal. The information is of great value to all but especially to teachers, speakers and students of the subject. Other previous editions have been sold by tens of thousands. We know of no place where as much information can be had in so small space, or for so little money. Single copies cost 10c, cheaper

Dr. G. H. Crutcher says on his page in the Florida Baptist Witness: "The committee appointed by the Sunday School Board to nominate a successor to Dr. I. J. Van Ness have agreed upon Dr. Luther T. Holcomb, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Dr. Holcomb is a Mississippian by birth, educated at the Baptist college in Mississippi, and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has had wide experience as a minister, is thoroughly evangelistic, was formerly a secretary of missions in Texas, and is in perfect accord with all our denominational agencies. He has the background that should inspire Southern Baptists to accept him heartily and to follow his leadership to their very best ability."

We have had some violent changes in the weather of late but what about the church member whose religion is at the boiling point in August, and down to zero in January?

Here's something that was made for you. God made it, and fixed it in the scheme of things for all time. Do you want it? What will you do with it? It is the Sabbath.

A soul winning campaign in a country church in February: That was the plan of Navilla church in Pike County, P. E. Cullom pastor. Once a week prayer meetings were held in seven localities near the church in preparation for the meeting. This is one of the few country churches in the state having preaching every Sunday. In the past two years the local membership has been more than doubled, Sunday school rooms built, lights installed and other improvements made. A pastor's home is soon to be built. Study courses were conducted by the B. T. U. in connection with the meeting.

The Church School of Missions and Mission Institute were a real blessing to Bude and the surrounding communities. The foreign mission work was represented by Dr. George W. Leavell of Wuchow, China, the home mission work by Dr. J. W. Beagle and Dr. J. W. Newbrough, the state work by Rev. A. L. Goodrich and Rev. A. F. Crittendon, and the W. M. U. work by Miss Juliette Mather. The stirring evening addresses were well attended and enjoyed by all. The institute brought all of the speakers together Friday for an all day program. Only time can tell the results of this week's work. The first visible result in Bude was an increase in the Baptist Record subscriptions and ~~six~~ joining the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club the following Sunday morning.—Otis Jones.

Crystal Springs: Our School of Missions last week was a decided success judged from any angle. The average attendance was good; the interest was enthusiastic; the speakers were all excellent and the impressions made were deep and lasting. Dr. Leavell, Dr. Newbrough, brother Goodrich, Miss Mather and Dr. Crittendon all thrilled our hearts and stirred our souls to their depths. As a result of the Schools of Missions we have had here the past two years we can easily see our church growing in the missionary spirit. Our people are taking greater interest in the work of the kingdom both at home and abroad. As a direct result of this we have had a number of new subscribers to the 100,000 Club, to the Baptist Record and to the Baptist Rescue Mission. We have asked Dr. Crittendon to give us a School of Missions each year, and we highly recommend this to all of our churches. We congratulate the State Board on the selection of Dr. Crittendon and brother Goodrich. We do not believe you could possibly have made better choice of men for their respective fields.—T. W. Talkington.

I am writing this word of appreciation of the work of Dr. A. F. Crittendon, our new Enlistment Secretary. During last week a group of churches, including our church, had a simultaneous school of missions running through the week. In addition to the study of books on missions by the different departments each evening there were most inspiring and helpful messages brought us by Dr. Geo. W. Leavell, Dr. J. W. Newbrough, Dr. J. W. Beagle, Dr. A. F. Crittendon, Rev. A. L. Goodrich and Miss Juliette Mather. The securing of such outstanding speakers for these services was the work of Dr. Crittendon. In addition to the work in the local churches associational programs were carried out with the same speakers. This gave an opportunity for quite a few of our people to get the benefit of the information and inspiration brought by the speakers. Five associations were touched last week, and the same sort of programs are being put on in another group of churches and associations this week. If information secures interest and interest secures action, then it looks as if we are on the road to achievement.—Geo. P. White, Hazlehurst.



## COMMITTEE NOMINATES SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY

The special committee of the Sunday School Board, appointed to nominate a successor to Secretary I. J. Van Ness, has made its study of the men recommended to them and chosen Dr. Luther Holcomb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, as their nominee. The meeting, during which this momentous step was taken, was held in Memphis, January 18, and according to Chairman V. E. Boston of Clarksdale, Mississippi, was one of genuine earnestness and prayer.

The committee had done its work seriously. Nineteen men had been recommended to them for the position. These men represented the various sections of our territory as well as many different phases of the denominational life and spirit. When the committee met to consider them they had no little task. Of that meeting Chairman Boston says:

"After a season of importunate prayer, the committee entered into a discussion of the necessary qualifications of the man to fill this important place. It was agreed upon that the nominee should be a pastor of recognized standing among Southern Baptists, that he should have intellectual, executive, and business ability, that he should be humble, spiritually minded, and that he should have breadth of denominational interest and a fair understanding of world conditions.

"The name of each person (nineteen in all) that had been recommended for this place was read by the chairman, with the request that the members of the committee present other names. One by one, those suggested were carefully gone over, and by common consent several names were dropped from the list. Then the committee unanimously agreed to vote by secret ballot on the names retained, each individual listing them in the order of his choice. So by the process of elimination on this secret ballot, Dr. T. L. Holcomb of the First Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was the only man receiving a majority vote as first choice. Upon receiving a majority, five to one, a motion was made to make the nomination unanimous. On this motion and seconded, Dr. Holcomb was accorded a hearty and unanimous vote.

"I have never seen a finer spirit in a committee meeting than that was manifested in our meeting at Memphis. I honestly think and feel that each man on this committee sought fully and completely the will of God. In order to give you further insight as to the earnestness of the work of these men may it be said that we went into session at 9:30 A. M. and continued until 3:00 P. M., and much of this time was spent in prayer for Divine guidance."

That a man could be chosen who would represent every group of our Southern Baptist people and satisfy the requirements of each interested person was known from the first to be a physical impossibility. The committee feels assured that they have followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Holcomb is a Christian of unquestioned standing. He is a true Baptist by convictions which are unshakable. His experience as Executive Secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention has furnished him with training and a general denominational outlook which will be invaluable in the new position. His work as pastor has been outstanding. If elected, he will bring to the position the warmth and glow of an evangelistic and missionary spirit and the cool unbiased judgment of one who has lived with the people whom the Board serves.

John D. Freeman, Recording Secretary.

Sidney Shepherd of New Haven, Conn., left \$10,000,000 by will to Northern Presbyterians for endowment of their various boards.

It is said that the Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal papers published in Richmond, Va., are all published by a cooperative arrangement by the same printing company, which does the composing, printing and mailing for all of them.

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND THEIR BIBLE

The Veiled Book and the Veiled Eyes.

Eldridge B. Hatcher

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The church of today has the Bible on its hands and seems not to know how to use it. Various methods of Bible study are being suggested. Commentators are divided in their interpretations, and the Christians of the world, being unable to understand the Scriptures, are split into multitudinous denominations.

The Bible is being heralded as the world's best seller, but that fact may mean comparatively very little. The vital question is, not how many people are reading the Bible, but HOW is the Bible being read? This article raises the question as to whether we, as a Baptist people, do not need a revolution in our attitude towards this Book.

The startling fact is that the Bible is being treated as a book that can be sufficiently understood by the mere intellect of man—just as the man understands any other book. Such treatment seems utterly to ignore the divine nature of the book. I am venturing to make the claim that our people today, in their Bible reading (with many, many individual exceptions of course), are picking up the mere surface truths of the Bible and are thereby missing its spiritual message. This may appear to be an exaggerated and presumptuous claim, but it is forced upon me by the following facts:

1. The Bible itself declares that the natural mind, by its own powers, cannot see the spiritual truths of Scripture.

2. This fact seems unknown to our people,—as a whole. It seems to be very rarely mentioned in public. The Scriptures are being read in public services to audiences by those who rarely, if ever, warn their hearers beforehand that they cannot with their mere natural mental powers receive and understand the spiritual truths which are then being read to them.

3. Among the hundreds of girls from different states who have entered my Bible classes in Blue Mountain College, I rarely find a girl who seems ever to have heard about this inability of the natural mind to understand the spiritual truths of the Bible. I know that all over the world individual Christians are finding the Bible a rich fountain of spiritual blessings who are not conscious of any previous preparation on their part. Multitudes of the unsaved have picked up the Bible without any thought of preparation for reading it, who have found in it the water of life for their souls. But it is practically certain, that those who have found such spiritual blessings from their reading, had already received some previous preparation, even though they were unconscious of it. In some way they had been put in a frame of mind and heart that opened the Bible to them,—to some extent. Their heart was possibly in trouble, their spirit may have become hungry, or desperate, or cast into some condition that gave them some insight beneath the Scripture surface. Hundreds of others, however, not in any such state of mind and heart, had probably read, or heard read, those same passages, without the slightest impression, or blessing, being left upon them.

What says the Bible about this matter? It declares that the spiritual truths of Scripture are HIDDEN truths and that only those who are spiritually prepared can discover them. "The natural men receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned." Ought not that momentous declaration of Scripture to be sounded up and down our Southern Baptist Zion? I stand startled and appalled before such a declaration, and we may well ask ourselves "Is our Bible reading being done chiefly along the mere surface of the Scriptures?"

Listen to David as he prays:

"Open thou my eyes that I may behold the wondrous things out of thy law." Think of it!

David, before he could understand his short Bible (only the few early historical Old Testament books), had to have his eyes opened. In the 119th Psalm he is pleading again and again with God to open his understanding, that he may discover the truths therein. He felt unprepared. Christ one day said to His apostles: "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot understand them now."

"Scripture," said Spurgeon, "teems with marvels, but what are these to closed eyes?"

"As the heavens are high above the earth," said God, "so are my thoughts higher than your thoughts" and yet we, with our finite minds, snatch up this book containing the thoughts of an infinite Being and imagine that we and others can easily with our mere intellects understand and explain them,—just as we would understand and explain any other writing.

"Are ye without understanding," Jesus asked one day and He said on another occasion "How is it that ye do not understand?"

And yet see what we are doing. We are urging our people into their Bible reading and our young people into their "Daily Bible Readings" as if any one could pick up the Word of God and easily understand its hidden truths.

Behold the thousands of Sunday school classes throughout the South. Are many of them gathering merely the much-used shells on the shore of Scripture? What about the teachers of those classes? We have very valuable "Teacher Training" courses in our Sunday schools. Happy indeed those teachers who, in these courses are being trained to discover the spiritual truths of their Bible which they may impart to their classes. Of what avail are the "pedagogical principles and methods" in which our people are being instructed and "graduated" if they do not know how to discover and receive the "spiritual things" of the Bible, which can only be "spiritually discerned." Has not the time come for Southern Baptists to lift the Bible to the high place that it deserves and to treat it as the one inspired word of God? We are tempted to put other books in its place and largely to train our people to draw their inspiration from other sources.

"Happy is he," says Dr. Murray, "who reads the Scripture, searching all the while for the hidden, spiritual sense which is the inner life of it." But we must be prepared for this searching. The fact is that a preparation is necessary for the study of any master-piece of art or science. Some years ago the head of the Music Department of our Blue Mountain College here took her students to Memphis to hear the famous Paderewski play. But did she merely call to them to dress and board the train. No. For several days she was taking them through a course of instruction to get them ready to appreciate the great musician. Shall we then imagine that we, without preparation, can fling upon our Bibles at any time and understand and take into our souls the glory of that one supreme Divine Masterpiece—the Word of God?

## HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS EXCHANGE

Men converted by home missions often carry the story to foreign fields, and those led to Christ on foreign fields often come to America to proclaim the Gospel.

Home Missionary J. T. Plainfield, now ministering to the Indians in Tampa, Florida, was converted at Pernambuco, Brazil, a foreign mission field of Southern Baptists.

"There is brother Vincent Vacek, a native, who was a highly paid worker in Ford's factory in Detroit. He was gloriously converted, and became the pastor of a little Slavic church in Detroit. In 1922, at the urgent call of the Foreign Mission Board, he took his wife and nine children and went back to Yugoslavia to take charge of our Baptist work there." — Dr. Charles E. Maddy.



# Editorials

## LESSONS FROM THE LORD'S LEGIONS

We have long had a desire to preach a series of sermons or to write a series of articles on the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, but have never felt equal to the task, and do not now. But some things have to be undertaken with such strength and preparation as we have, hoping that the Lord may in His grace make the effort helpful. How far we shall go in this, or how many articles may appear we do not know. It is ours to make the beginning.

The whole Epistle to the Hebrews is written to strengthen our grip on God. This grip we call faith. We do not here indicate the process or arguments used to accomplish this purpose. But the writer of the Epistle comes up to the eleventh chapter with the assurance that "we are not of them that shrink back unto perdition, but of them that have faith unto the saving of the soul."

Then in the eleventh chapter he presents his array of witnesses, by whom the faith of the people addressed in this letter may be steadied. These like mountain climbers are tied together and tied to us by the rope of faith, and help to make for security and steadfastness. It is about these he now speaks, whose lives demonstrate the nature of faith and challenge us to persistent, courageous adherence to our confession of allegiance to God in Jesus Christ.

But before he starts in with these exhibits, he pauses to say a word about the essential quality of faith of which these heroes become examples. Just as a lawyer sometimes in the beginning of a trial says, "We propose to prove that, etc." And this is what the writer of the epistle is going to prove by the witnesses whom he will introduce, namely: that faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen.

In other words he proposes to show that what men have hoped for in their best moments, in the times of clearest spiritual illumination are not an illusion, that they are demonstrably true, and have proved their worth and value to men under a variety of trying conditions. They are not the dreams of irresponsible fanatics. They are not the idle imaginings of distraught, unbalanced or unsound minds. Here is proof that hope is justified by the experience of practical men; that the tendrils of spiritual longings have found a substantial object on which to cling and climb.

Here is proof that the invisible world is not an unreal world, but is an underlying fact; that the things that are invisible may be and are more real, substantial and abiding than the things which are seen. That the things which are seen are but the visible projection, the shadow of the invisible. Man in his present state lives in a topsy-turvy world, thinking and speaking of material things as real and of spiritual things as shadows. While the facts are just the other way. It is the purpose and business of faith to correct this condition. It is the mission of religion to correct the thinking and the intellectual eyesight of men. The things that are spiritual are eternal. The things within men's souls are the things that count. Man is a spiritual being, a living soul. God is Spirit. We are never right and will never see straight until we can say, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

It is faith which alone does this. Rather let us say that faith is doing this, that doing this is faith. When you launch out on the fact of the reality of the invisible, the invisible God, the invisible world, the word of God whom no man hath seen or can see, when you do this, you are exercising faith; you are a child of faith. It is well to keep in mind that the word translated substance in the old version or assurance in the revised version is a noun which

denotes action, as distinguished from results or relationship. You see faith in motion, in action. And you will never see it unless it is in action. Wind is not wind unless it is blowing and faith is not faith unless it is moving, produces motion, and not merely emotion.

"Substance" is from the Latin and is exactly equivalent in etymology to the Greek word used here, hypostasis. It is a putting yourself under the word and promise of God to test it out to see if it is what it claims to be and will do what it claims to do. That is the action implied. It is taking your stand on the things which you had hoped to be true. Some people put their finger on wet paint to see if it is wet. Some may touch a live wire to see if it is charged. They find out. We are invited to make a practical test, an experiment as to the reality and value of the things for which we had hoped. The Lord invites us to try Him, to prove Him. And the experiment is as real as in any laboratory, and the results as definite and certain. "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord." "If ye continue in my words then are ye my disciples in deed and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The whole of the Christian life from start to finish is testing out the truth of God, experimenting with the invisible.

And then we are told faith becomes the evidence or conviction of things not seen. We find out the truth. We learn that it is even so. The experiment becomes a demonstration and a conviction.

We can then sing, Jesus is my Savior, I shall not be moved; or we can say with Paul, "How many soever be the promises of God, in Him is the yea; wherefore also through Him is the amen to the glory of God by us." From an experiment it becomes an experience.

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Northern Baptists make their every member canvass in March.

On a recent Sunday 13 were received for baptism in LaBelle Place Church, Memphis, 3 of them Chinese girls.

Dr. Jno. H. Eager, our Mississippian who spent 20 years as a missionary in Rome, is now living in New York City.

Tennessee W. M. U. had \$10,000 as their goal for the Lottie Moon offering and raised nearly \$13,000.00.

Our idea of a model husband is one who thinks his wife's headache is as important as his own rheumatism.—Galveston News.

Somebody has figured it out that liquor with 2 per cent of alcohol will slow down the minds action two-fifths of a second in which time a wreck can occur and the driver goes to — well not many people go to heaven smelling like that.

The debt on our Seminary in Louisville has recently been refinanced by borrowing at a low rate of interest, \$590,000 from the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company of New Jersey, for ten years. The trustees hope to pay off the entire debt in that period. The movement to endow the Chair of Old Testament, in honor of Dr. J. R. Sampey for \$75,000, is meeting with success. About \$15,000 has been secured.—Ex.

In the Christian Herald, General Smedley Butler has one of the strongest articles on war we have ever read. He suggests that only the men who could be called upon to do the killing and the dying vote on whether or not our country should enter war. The greatest menace to peace he says, is the profit there is in war. "At least twenty-one thousand new millionaires and billionaires were made during the war in the United States. Not one of these millionaires shouldered a rifle. Not one of them dug a trench. Not one of them was wounded or killed in battle." Then General Butler cites specific instances where the makers of munitions of war piled up huge profits for themselves, and put on us, our children, and our children's children, the bill for the cost of the war. He concludes: "Let us conscript capital before the nation's manhood can be conscripted."—Ex.

Brother A. T. Mitchell, pastor at Angie, La., and Sandy Hook, Miss., has resigned the care of this field to accept a call to Bernice, La., giving this church his full time.

Southwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference at McComb March 11 has for its theme Thy Kingdom Come. Speakers and subjects are E. K. Cox, What Salvation Includes; P. S. Rogers, The Meaning of Discipleship; Mark Lowry, Bible Study; T. W. Green, Spirituality; J. W. Mayfield, Christ as King; W. W. Kyzar, How the Kingdom is to Be Brought In."

"Gambling in the United States; Its Forms and Injury," is a 24 page octavo, with 48 illustrations, issued this week by the International Reform Federation, 134 B Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., which mails sample copies for 10c. It deals with 40 forms of gaming and is issued to aid in defeating permissive gambling bills now before 24 state legislatures.

The State Board of Health announces that henceforth only early and moderately advanced cases of tuberculosis will be received for treatment at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. There are said to be 15,000 cases in the state and the hospital can take care of only about 400. It is suggested that it will be necessary for the counties to take care of the incurable and dependent.

Pastor W. W. Grafton has been with the Coldwater and Como churches now for five and a half years and the work is in better condition now than at any time in these years. He was in 18 meetings in the past year, in which 276 professed conversion. Recently he was in a meeting at Kingston, Tenn., with Pastor G. S. Jarman who used to be at Ruleville. It was a glorious meeting with 55 professions on the last day.

At the meeting of the B. T. U. Association in Pike County at Magnolia Sunday it was decided to have a simultaneous B. T. U. study course at all the churches in the association during the third week of March. Rev. R. L. Smith of the Central Church in McComb was appointed chairman of the enlargement campaign. Bro. Hewlett Parker is the Associational Director. Last year eleven churches cooperated in a campaign of this kind and great good was done. It is believed that a larger number will cooperate in the work this year.

Some civil war veterans were telling stories of Lincoln. This is what one of them told: "My wife collected autographs. She wrote Lincoln for a sentiment and she got in reply a note which ran: 'Dear Madam: When you ask from a stranger that which is of interest only to yourself always enclose a stamp. There's your sentiment, and here's your autograph. A. Lincoln.'"

Lady: "What caused you to become a tramp?" Ragged Tim: "The family physician, mum. He advised me to take long walks after meals, and I've been walking after 'em ever since."

Navilla Baptist Church in Pike County closed its second year at full time with an anniversary program on the third Sunday afternoon and with a two weeks protracted meeting starting on the same day. At the program it was revealed that this church, starting with less than a hundred resident members two years ago, has added more than a hundred members, built Sunday school rooms, put in a light plant, and painted its building inside and out. At present Navilla stands second in the list of twenty-two churches in Pike County Association in B. T. U. enrollment, having six good organizations. It is the leading country church in the association and leads all the churches except one in additions in the last two years. Six were added by baptism during the meeting and three by letter. More than forty seals were earned at the B. T. U. study course held in connection with the meeting. This church is building a pastor's home next to the church. The members are grateful to the Heavenly Father for His goodness. If one small country church can go on full time and do these things why can't others do the same?



## Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

This one thing we do, pay our debts.

### HELP THE CAUSE BY HELPING THE RECORD

For this Convention year which began Nov. 1, 1934, the receipts, disbursements and circulation of the Record are as follows:

	Receipts	Disbursements
November 1934	\$438.31	\$190.92
December 1934	415.42	604.52
January 1935	653.58	828.88
February 1935	875.32	949.36

It is found by totaling receipts and disbursements, the books in the office show the following:

Received during the four months for subscriptions	\$1,319.39
Received during the four months for advertising	1,063.24
Total	2,382.63
The expense for the four months totaled	2,573.68
Leaving a deficit of	191.05

We are also at this time having to buy a car of paper for the Record at a cost of approximately \$1,900.00. This will supply the Record for the remainder of the year, but the circulation will have to increase considerably in order to prevent a large deficit at the end of the Convention year. It is the duty of every church to give special attention to the circulation of the paper, for our people must know of the work of the denomination if they give as loyal stewards.

The books of the Board office show gifts for the calendar year, 1934, for school debts as follows:

Blue Mountain	\$ 347.50
Hattiesburg First	1,001.00
Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue	30.50
Hattiesburg Immanuel	371.75
Hattiesburg Main Street	598.75
Clinton	1,297.00
Newton	159.00

Total for Colleges and college towns.... 3,805.25

College towns should give more in proportion to financial ability than other towns. The students coming to these towns spend large sums of money during the session. Furthermore, the citizens of the towns have the opportunity of sending their children to these institutions without having to pay board or transportation charges. It is much less expensive when one can keep his children at home and send them to college. Many people move to college towns in order to economize on sending their children to school. Notwithstanding this moral obligation on the part of the patrons to pay denominational debts, we find many who make no contributions towards paying the debts of the denominational schools. Again, many of these who do not live in the towns are very liberal contributors. Three men last year gave to the Debt Campaign enough to put four students through college for the entire session.

We must not, however, lose sight of the fact that some members of the faculties are the most sacrificial givers. During recent years some faculty members have had to bear a large part of the burden of the denomination. In the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, faculty members have taken care of a certain bond issue. At Blue Mountain College faculty members shouldered largely the burden of another bond issue, the President of the College giving approximately \$1,500.00 in one year.

Some who are disposed to criticize would say

that the denomination is putting up the salaries which make it possible for these faculty members to pay in this way. Two things are true in this connection. One is that many of the faculty members, along with the presidents of the colleges, could receive larger remuneration at other places. Another thing to be observed is that as a rule the denomination and not the faculty members and college presidents fix the salaries. They voluntarily accept what the denomination voluntarily offers. While there are some exceptions to the rule, the rule holds that faculty members and college presidents are large givers in proportion to the amount received. It may be a case of placing flowers upon the grave rather than to give them during the lifetime, but the writer has certain knowledge of the liberal gifts of one of our honored and lamented college presidents who gave in a \$200,000.00 endowment campaign for the Woman's College \$5,000.00. He gave to the model home of the college \$1,500.00. When the latest dormitories were built, he gave \$1,000.00. He had given \$1,000.00 to the administration building. The writer knows of contributions made by him from 1929 on until his death for the college amounting to \$5,075.00. I refer to the late Dr. J. L. Johnson. It could be said of him too, as can be said of practically all of the denominational servants who have held responsible positions, that he did not die rich, and he died prematurely. Much more could be said.

The liberal gifts of those in responsible positions should inspire men of means to make larger gifts at this time, and to appreciate more the sacrifices which some have made and are making without any complaint and without any desire for publicity.

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### CLARKE COLLEGE

Clarke College is carrying only \$6,000.00 fire insurance and none on the houses upon the property. The denomination has left Clarke College in the hands of the College Trustees.

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## LET'S GO

By A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager

### GOING PLACES

#### Crystal Springs.

The past two weeks have seen us "Seeing Mississippi." Monday night, Feb. 18 we spoke for Pastor Talkington. Five churches were having simultaneous schools of missions. One of the best crowds of the week greeted us there. Pastor Talkington has a fine grip on his delightful situation and the church shows evidence of his organizing ability.

#### Natchez.

Bishop W. A. Sullivan greeted us at Natchez with a smile and the information that though his initials were W. A. S., he was no "has been." We were delightfully entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dixon. From the many complimentary things heard about Pastor Sullivan, he and Natchez are in love with each other.

#### Brookhaven.

Although pastorless, the fine hand of Bro. Crittendon is still in evidence at Brookhaven and the pastor who follows him will be a most fortunate man to have such a fine foundation upon which to build. Brother Kosanke, assistant pastor, gave us one hour and fifteen minutes in which we were able to secure 21 new readers for the Record. We were showered with hospitality in the gracious home of Rev. and Mrs. Crittendon.

#### Bude.

Rev. Otis Jones had his church practically full for our service there on Wednesday night. Many fine things were heard about Pastor Jones and his excellent leadership of the young people. The Sunbeam leader told us that they

had grown from 5 to 53. Although the mills are closed down Pastor Jones was most gracious in helping us to see many of his members who were glad to become subscribers.

#### Port Gibson.

Pastor Thompson at Port Gibson had warned his people ahead of time that the Record man would be on hand and they had turned in their subscriptions without waiting to be seen. Pastor Thompson takes much interest in the surrounding work and his efforts had borne fruit in one of the best crowds of the week.

#### Hazlehurst.

Dr. White at Hazlehurst informed us that 11 of his 12 deacons were Record readers; 8 or 13 junior deacons; the Sunday school superintendent; the general secretary; every department superintendent and the W. M. S. president, with an average of about one reader to every 10 members.

#### Liberty.

A full church greeted us at Liberty and one of the finest responses to the Record appeal of any place visited. Pastor Horton has his work well organized and was most gracious in his efforts to extend the circulation of the Record.

#### Magnolia.

Even though it rained down pitchforks at Magnolia on Monday night Pastor Green had things in fine shape for the visitor. The response was good and the hospitality of brother Green and wife was of the kind that makes you want to linger longer in Magnolia.

#### Friendship.

The best country church this writer has seen in Mississippi is Friendship, near McComb, shepherded by Pastor Quin. As at every other place visited, the Record was received with enthusiasm.

#### Columbia.

Bishop L. B. Golden entertained us in his home and had assembled a most appreciative audience. A trip to the Mississippi Industrial Home was worth all the time it took.

#### McComb.

Dr. J. W. Mayfield, the genial pastor at the First Church, was most cordial and showed us many courtesies. His great church is rallying in a fine way to his leadership.

#### Bassfield.

Rev. Eugene Farr is pastor at Bassfield and has the Record in more than 50 per cent of the homes. Although handicapped by flu, the crowd was large and responsive.

#### Tylertown.

Many fine things were told us about the good work of Pastor Cooper at Tylertown. The hospitable Mrs. Cooper helps in a large way with the organized work.

#### New Hebron.

Pastor Philips of New Hebron made a statement that only a few Mississippi pastors could make: "I don't see a person present this morning who does not take the Record." The house was full.

#### Gloster.

Pastor Cox at Gloster had one of the best crowds of the week and more young people than we saw at any other place. Gloster has had the Record in the budget for years.

#### Charleston.

Sunday, March 3 found us supplying for Rev. A. B. Polsgrove at Charleston and being entertained in the delightful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Rice. Brother Rice has many things to commend him. One is the fact that he is the husband of the State W. M. U. president.

Two good congregations greeted us and we saw on every side the evidence of the fine organizing ability of Pastor Polsgrove.



## I WONDER WHY?

R. K. Maiden

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The Kansas City Star presents at brief intervals a picture over which are the words, "I Wonder Why?" A man and a boy are in the foreground, looking and pointing toward something, the meaning of or reason for, is puzzling. Beneath the picture is printed an explanation.

Our Baptist people often say things, do things and have ways — queer ways — that sometimes cause me to wonder why. For instance: Why are our editors, their contributors and news correspondents so prodigal in their use of the qualifying word "Baptist"? Now, this fine old word which stands for so much, is nothing to be ashamed of. It has an honorable history. It connotes freedom of conscience, loyalty, heroism, martyrdom. Its use should never be omitted where there is a real use for it. On the contrary, it should not be used where its use is not required. To use it where its use is not required is a waste of time, paper, ink and space.

From time to time the editors feel called upon to explain to their contributors that they (the editors) have on hand and in waiting matter far in excess of their space. So, for want of space, articles of merit are held in the waiting line. How often the editors have to exhort their correspondents to be brief, to condense, to boil down. One would think that the editors would be sticklers for space economy. But in printing the word Baptist needlessly, they are space-wasters.

Baptist papers are published for Baptists. Their concern is with Baptist churches. This is understood, and being so understood, to use the descriptive term "Baptist" at every mention of a church is a waste of space and a needless expense. Why not say, the "First Church," the "Calvary Church" and so forth, and let it go at that? Of course if other than a Baptist church is mentioned the qualifying adjective should be used.

Go through our Baptist papers for any given week and note the dozens of times the word "Baptist" is needlessly used. This, I know, is nosing in where I have no business, but I can't help wondering why.

I wonder why folks who ought to know better persist in calling a house a church. There is challenging significance in the saying of Coleridge that "errors of nomenclature are apt to avenge themselves by generating errors of ideas."

Not infrequently the editor gets and publishes a news item substantially as follows: "The Antioch Baptist Church (example of needless use of the word Baptist), at a recent business meeting voted to have the church recovered and repainted. Last Sunday, following the sermon, the church, just before observing the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, gave the hand of fellowship to five new members."

Churches are not shingled and painted. Houses do not receive members and observe ordinances. Yet how often so, we see in our papers pictures of church edifices, and then the words, "Blank Baptist Church." A church is "a company of baptized believers," etc. The old designation, "Meeting House," taken with its implications, serves the purpose well.

I wonder why "Revival" is so frequently used, with, seemingly, such poor understanding of its meaning. How often meetings are reported as revivals which are only a series of meetings with no evangelistic fervor or Holy Ghost power. A bit of temporary interest and excitement through stage performances, whoop-up singing, junior choirs, etc., that's all. No manifestation of godly sorrow, no deep-rooted repentance, no soul travail. Humanly galvanized rather than divinely spiritualized. The Holy Spirit, without whose presence and power there can be no revival, does not need to be counted in to account for what is accomplished.

Sometimes announcement is made that at a

given time and place a revival is going to be held. How can anyone possibly know in advance that proposed meeting is going to be revival? We have many evangelistic meetings, but comparatively few spiritual revivals. Few are the churches that are ready and willing to meet the conditions, pay the price, of a Holy Ghost revival.

I wonder why any intelligent Baptist should ever be guilty of saying, "baptized by immersion," since there can be no baptism without immersion. No immersion, no baptism. Baptize and baptized are untranslated Greek words with English endings. Their English equivalents are immerse and immersed. To say baptized by immersion is equivalent to saying, baptized by baptism.

Sometimes people wishing to unite with a Baptist church object to being "re-baptized." This they do in ignorance. Baptists do not re-baptize. Persons coming for membership in a Baptist church, having been immersed outside the Baptist fold, are required to be baptized for the reason that their immersion was not a valid baptism — was not baptism in the ordinance sense. It is the age-old Baptist position that four things are requisite to a scriptural baptism: (a) A scriptural subject, (b) a scriptural act, (c) a scriptural design, (d) a scriptural administrator. No, Baptists do not re-baptize. Nor do they "baptize by immersion." They just baptize.

I wonder why there has come to be such a general and pronounced transfer of emphasis from motive to method in the conduct of the Lord's work. Likewise, as between devotion and activity, activity seems to be more heavily accented. In much of the work that is being planned and conducted in the churches, and out of the general bodies, there seems to be the assumption that the Lord's people would gladly do what the Lord wants done if they only knew how. A grave mistake, this. It is our conviction that our people are weaker in motive power than in methods of performance. Better strong motives and weak methods than the most perfect methods with weak motives. Given strong motives and they will find a way — some way — of doing things. The early Christians were short on methods but long on motives. And, behold how gloriously they wrought! With the present trend, are we not in danger of going to seed on methods and drying up on motives?

I wonder why our churches are becoming so loose, careless and indifferent in the matter of receiving members. In a recent issue of a widely read religious journal, a preacher of prominence declared: "A multitude of church members are a million miles from God." An over-statement, perhaps, but it points a condition that is distressing, not to say alarming. How else can so much sheer, brazen and unashamed worldliness, in the churches be accounted for? There seems to be quite generally a mania for numbers — ambition for quantity with all too little regard for quality. The writer has observed in recent years in numerous churches the easy and cheap way in which members are received. No requirement to "bring forth fruit, meet for repentance." It is easier to get people into the church than to get them "in Christ." The biggest and most important task of this hour is the Christianizing of church members.

I wonder why so many preachers are side-stepping the fundamental and vitally important doctrine of repentance in their preaching. Can it be that such preaching is no longer needed? Since when have you heard a sermon on repentance? Since when have you witnessed demonstrations of "godly sorrow"? or heard the cry from broken hearted sinners, "what must I do to be saved"?

I wonder why discipline, self or others, is coming to be well nigh a lost art in families and churches. The right and freedom of self-expression seems to have taken its place. Psychologists and sociologists declaim against it. The new pedagogy repudiates it. Sin has got-

ten so much better, they say, that discipline has gone quite out of fashion.

I wonder why one's religion should ever be spoken of as "experimental." Becoming a Christian is not an experiment; it is an experience.

I wonder why so many church members, like Peter, incur the shame and guilt of warming themselves by the enemy's fire.

I wonder what our churches are going to do with and about their frozen assets — cold, ice cold, members. A rekindling of their altar fires would likely warm up the church atmosphere and eventually thaw out these assets and make them sure enough assets instead of liabilities. A live coal off the altar, discreetly applied, might work wonders. A special, and specially tended fire in the pulpit would contribute no little to the raising of the temperature in and of the church. Churches of high spiritual temperature are not much bothered with frozen assets.

I wonder why there is so often such obvious and humiliating disparity between our creed and our conduct. Do we really and truly and fully believe our beliefs? Do they really grip us, and make our character and determine our conduct? If not I wonder why not.

Kansas City, Mo.

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## SPURGEON, A DEBTOR

Sent by A. Cunningham-Burley

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To his congregation he said:

"I owe a great deal of my being brought to Christ to my parents, to whom I would always be grateful for their spiritual care of me; and as parent, I am to repay that obligation by teaching my own children. I owe very much to a very excellent teacher in a day school. I did try, when I personally taught children, to pay back my teacher by teaching others. I owed still more to such men as Baxter and Bunyan, who left their books for me to read. I have tried to write earnest books, that I may recompense as well as I can the church of God for the loan which it made to me in that direction. Most of all, I owe my decision, under God, to a man I never knew, who humbly and simply preached Christ crucified to me; and I would desire to be always preaching Christ crucified to others, as the best way of making some sort of return. Undoubtedly the most of us were brought to Christ by the personal testimony of others, and therefore we are in duty bound to pass on the sacred deposit. Even in those few cases in which no living voice was used, yet the word of God was made useful to the soul; and where would the word of God have been if it had not been for Wickliffe, and Tyndale, and those holy men who preserved it to us at the peril of their lives, and wrote out a translation of it for the common people, dipping their pens in their own heart's blood to accomplish the deed? We are debtors to the church of God, and let us repay the boon. We shall be shamefully ungrateful unless we do this."

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## MEXICO BELONGS TO BOTH BOARDS

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Due to the present turmoil in old Mexico, the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists has been greatly retarded. It looks now as though every Baptist missionary will have to withdraw from the country.

They will come across into the United States and work across the border from the border states.

Negotiations are being made with the Home Mission Board by which these missionaries' work will be guided and directed by the Home Mission Board, but these messengers of the gospel will still be representatives of the Foreign Mission Board.

This is another instance of home and foreign missions being just missions. The work of the two boards is constantly one and the same work — that is: Winning the world to the Lord.



## DIOTREPHESES—THE AUTOCRAT

Rev. E. K. Cox

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In the third of his epistles John the beloved conferred immortality upon two men who represent two classes who have ever been present in the churches. They are Diotrephe and Demetrius. One of them a memory fragrant with sweetness, the other to stand for all time as a synonym of all that is troublesome and hurtful. There was something terribly wrong with a man who could not get along with John the beloved. The words about him in the short letter have set him in the light in his true colors.

"Who loveth to have the preeminence." How much evil has come to the cause of Christ down the centuries from the men and women who have coveted leadership, sought to rule, and have their way, and would brook no rivals. Diotrephe was not mainly concerned about the cause; he loved prominence, he wanted the first place in the kingdom, the chief seat in the synagogue. When people have a lust for leadership that puts self before the cause, and seek their own exaltation at the expense of their brethren there is trouble ahead. The Klan of Diotrephe still lives; we have seen them in the flesh. Woe unto a religious people who have some sort of centralization of power, if Diotrephe once gets in a place of prominence; for there is no despot more domineering than one who rules in the name of religion.

Diotrephe was not concerned, primarily about the salvation of men, or the glory of Christ, he was anxious about the position which he was going to hold. You have heard it said of some folk that they either rule or ruin. Such people belong to this ancient tribe. Their feelings are always being hurt because they were not asked to lead this or that. They are self-centered in their thinking, their own personality is the central sun about which all their plans and their aim move. There is no prosperity for any local church which has a Diotrephe in a prominent position. There is always discomfort; they are more concerned that they be given their coveted seat than that the Sunday school shall succeed. They are more interested in directing the church finances than that a great offering be made for missions. In their thinking, the position of the presidency of some woman's organization means more than a great year's work for the glory of God. For you know that Diotrephe was married and had daughters as well as sons, and some of them are very much indeed like their father.

A pastor may be as able as Paul, as pure hearted as John, as eloquent as Apollos, as diligent in his work as Timothy, but if he crosses the ambitions of Diotrephe he is anathema. This ambitious brother does not ask, or care about the success of the pastor's work, in fact if he does not jump when he snaps his finger, he would prefer to see him fail. He "loveth to have the preeminence," and that spirit has brought more sorrow and dissension to earth than any since time began. What was the matter with Cain, when he dipped his hands in the blood of Abel? He loved the preeminence and when God showed respect to Abel's offering, the envious spirit of Cain broke forth in the first murder.

Every church row has its Diotrephe; he has caused more disturbance, originated more schisms, destroyed more fellowship than any man who has ever belonged to a church since Annanias and Sapphira died for lying because they wanted to be as popular as Barnabas. When you hear of a church being rent asunder, a denomination torn up, a general church row, look for Diotrephe. He may not start the affair, there may be some real grievances, but Christian men and women who love the Lord will get together. Not so with Diotrephe, he loves to fish in muddy water, to listen to heated discussions, to scheme and plan and devise for his own honor and renown. More troubles of the sort to which we refer have grown out of the

lust for leadership, the longing for the lofty places than anything else. When you hear of a church row, of schism, of discord, and a pastor leaving with his heart hurt till it bleeds you may look for some scion of Diotrephe. I do not think that John the beloved dreamed that he was making him a historic character when he wrote these words. John was deeply grieved and was just pouring out the trouble and telling the real truth about it. The Holy Spirit wanted a warning left in the inspired record, and he just helped John tell it right, and then let the word come down to us. Here was a church which even the man who leaned on Jesus' breast could not get into. His letters were ignored, and his messengers cast out. Beside all that this man was slandering John: "Prating against us with malicious words." No doubt Diotrephe claimed great orthodoxy and much concern about the church; he was forsooth the champion of righteousness, and the defender of the faith. It is sad to relate that the clan Diotrephean will stop at nothing once their coveted dominance is in danger. Every man knows the cruel words of criticism, the distorted sentences, the whispered innuendos which have been circulated about religious leaders. Every great leader in holy things has met them; every man or woman with a soul ablaze with some holy mission has felt the barbed tongue of Diotrephe. Every personal peculiarity is seized upon, every fault magnified. Does the church grow cold, Diotrephe will bewail with doleful words the preacher's lack of spirituality. Sometimes he is not doctrinal enough, sometimes he preaches too much doctrine. If he is pleasant and affable, he is too frivolous; if the pastor is sober, then he is a long-faced gloomy man. If he gives much attention to the young, he is not looking after the old and infirm, if he gives them special heed, then the young people are going to the bow-wows. And it has been known to be a fact that Diotrephe and his crowd have deliberately set out to break a man down to get rid of him. Some careless word, some innocent act, has been twisted out of its intent and whispered around as a profound secret, till the community is all agog with something they hardly know what; but Diotrephe knows, and why. What he told about John we do not know, it was not worth preserving, but it must have hurt the soul of the great man very much. Sometimes it was one of the daughters of Diotrephe who loves the preeminence, and if there is anything which can cause more trouble in a church than a malicious, capable woman with a lust for bossing, no one has yet told us about it. She will feel that owing to her sex, and the deference shown her because she is woman, that her tattling will not be dealt with as it should; and her tongue can set the whole course of the pastor and deacons on fire. Many a pastor has left a field ostensibly because his work was done, when if the real facts were known he was seeking to escape the continual dripping of a tongue which ever wagged to his discomfort.

The ambition to rule is one of the greatest and most hurtful that ever filled a human breast and it grows with its gratification. No tyrant of the political field ever clung to his throne more tenaciously than this clan to their little places of power. If they hold them long, they come to have a sort of sanctity in their eyes and it seems to them impossible that anything could be of the Lord which challenges their rule.

Diotrephe is not always to begin with a bad man; sometimes his ambitions to begin with are allied to a zeal for good things, but as time goes on, he comes to think more of having his way and less of kingdom welfare. These little Napoleons and Caesars soon come to look upon everything that comes along in the light of their power, and seek to bring all under their domination. They lose sight of the admonition, that love "seeketh not its own," they are in love, but it is with their own opinion and ability to lead, and they are usually most loyal lovers.

It often becomes a most serious problem to deal with Diotrephe; he is immune to counsel and sensitive to reproof. He resents any intrusion upon what he considers his prerogatives, and becomes embittered when his authority is challenged.

It would be delightful to know what John did, but wisely no doubt the Holy Spirit left us to work out the problem of each one according to the conditions. They were doubtless left among us like the scattered Canaanites who were left to chasten the children of Israel. They have made many a preacher humble, and churches where Diotrephe has flourished have found it difficult to believe that all things work together for good.

How shall we deal with Diotrephe? Well, no two cases are just alike; sometimes the best thing is to endure and pray for him; and every pastor who has had much experience has prayed about as much about Diotrephe as over the most hardened sinner. Sometimes a pastor or some faithful brother must out think Diotrephe and take away his power to disturb Zion. The writer knows of a case where a succession of pastors were driven from a church by one Diotrephe, finally a pastor came along who out thought him, and before the autocrat knew it, his power to hurt was gone, and he did not know just how.

John intimates that there was going to be a reckoning about Diotrephe and one cannot but wish we knew what was done, but it is best that we do not. None of us could deal with him just like John, and we would all be trying to wield the sword of Scanderbeg. Sometimes Diotrephe is a preacher; often a man with many strong points. One of the first things which a pastor ought to learn is not to make issues over non-essentials. Stand firm as Gibraltar where truth and righteousness is concerned, but know how to yield about things which do not count. A good backbone is a wonderful thing, but one without joints would be a burden to any man and a nuisance to his friends. It is something which will grow on good men if they are not careful. A preacher is accustomed to speaking while people listen respectfully and no one contradicts him at the time. Might be a good thing now and then if some one called his hand when he got wrong. But most of the people who get restive are those whose sins are rebuked. More people are discontented under preaching for that than all other reasons. The tribe who cry "prophecy unto us smooth things" are still numerous in the land. Yet a preacher has no more right to become an autocrat than anyone else. There are some things about which he is better qualified to speak than his brethren in the pew, and they should recognize the fact, but many a preacher is hunting greener pastures simply because he could not direct without being bossy and autocratic. Humility and brotherly love will cure the ailment if taken in time, but some cases will have to be settled in the higher court of heaven.

Disruption and heart aches follow in the wake of Diotrephe, churches wither and preachers stay are short, whether the Diotrephe be in pew or pulpit. In churches where they have congregational government preachers remain only a little while if Diotrephe rules. In places where some ruling body locates preachers you will find them praying that they be not sent where this petty tyrant makes life miserable.

When one looks at Diotrephe, proud of his little dominance, and sees the trouble and hurt to the cause which follows, and knows how the brethren and sisters feel they are inclined to repeat those oft quoted and little applied words of Burns:

"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us  
To see oursels as others see us!  
It wad fre monie a blunder free us  
And foolish notion."

Diotrephe like the poor is ever with us; he must be endured, prayed for, out thought, and sometimes as a last resort made to know that men are not to lord it over God's heritage.



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## State W. M. U. Convention, April 2-4 At Corinth

We are praying with the women of the Southland this week for our great Home Mission field. We are also praying for those societies that have made no plans to observe this week of prayer. May they yet join our forces for their sakes as well as for the progress of the Kingdom in the Home field.

We are glad to announce the following A-1 full-graded unions for 1934: Brookhaven, First; Grenada, First; Jackson, First; Magnolia, Rose-dale, Sardis and Tylertown.

(Continued from last week)

We are able to do this because of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. How we thank God for the Mother Union and her great help in so many different ways.

Now for a little more about our wanderings last summer. I believe I left you in Turkey in the last letter so we shall now move on to Greece. We reached Piraeus at 9 a. m., July 20th. At Piraeus we got into automobiles and hurried on to Athens, a city that I always wished to see. Of course we went first to the Acropolis. The Acropolis of Athens, a hard limestone rock, rises to a height of about 500 feet above sea level. The ruins of the magnificent monuments are relics of 460-431 B. C. The finest of these monuments are the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erechtheum. They are of the prettiest marble that I have ever seen and I thought to myself if the ruins are this pretty what must the buildings have been like! It did seem that we were in a land of myths as our guide told us so much about the gods, Athene and other goddesses. We had a fine view of Mars Hill from the Acropolis and well could I imagine what a challenge it was to Paul to tell the Athenians about the true God when he beheld so many idols around him. We visited the Museum and looked at beautifully sculptured statues, friezes, etc., until our eyes ached. We also saw the new stadium and many other places of interest. I was sorry that I did not know Greek as I felt lost when I could not read the signs on the stores.

At one p. m., on the same day, we were again on the "Tevere" bound for Europe. We reached Brindisi, a little city on the Eastern coast of Italy about 2 p. m. Saturday. We went to the International Hotel and rested awhile and at 8 p. m. took a train for Rome. The most interesting thing that I saw in Brindisi was a monument that marks the terminal of the Appian Way. We were not able to do much shopping in Brindisi as the stores are closed from twelve to four during summer time. The parks were full of men, women and children who seemed to be taking life easy. About four o'clock Miss Idol of North Carolina and I did venture out as she wanted some medicine, toilet articles and rubber heels. We managed nicely in some of the stores as so many Italian words are similar to our Portuguese language, but we had a good laugh at the Cobblers, Miss Idol wanted rubber heels put on her shoes and we had a time making the cobbler understand. We pointed to the shoes and told him first in English and then in Portuguese but he did not understand and what was our surprise when he sent one of his help-

## Young People's Column

Y. W. A.'s everywhere will be interested to know that their college "sisters" are faithful in the observance of the Week of Prayer. The gifts for the Lottie Moon offering, from our college Y. W. A.'s were as follows:

Blue Mountain College	\$86.10
Hillman College	12.00
Miss. Woman's College	6.89
State Teachers College	2.20
M. S. C. W.	2.09
	\$109.28

**Counselors.** Be faithful in presenting the material for this Home Mission Week of Prayer. Give your young people the opportunity of making an offering.

**Broadcast.** Word just comes that the city-wide Y. W. A. of Meridian is to broadcast a program on Home Missions — discussing particularly the Negro work. This program will be from 7 to 7:30 p. m. Thursday, March 7th. A splendid way to put Home Missions before our people! The quarterly meeting of this organization is to be held March 28th, with the Southside Y. W. A. presenting the pageant "Christ in America."

State Stewardship Declamation Contest March 16th 10 a. m., Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

The New Hebron Sunbeams observed Sunbeam Focus Week by presenting the little playlet Shining Sunbeams on Sunday, February 10, immediately after Sunday School. It was a great success, I think—having the hearty cooperation of the W. M. U. The Sunbeams were also given a party.

Mrs. J. E. Horton.

happened to prevent her coming for us, decided to go to St. Peter's Basilica to hear the Sistine choir. We got there too late to hear the choir but made a visit through the building. There was St. Peter's bronze statue with one of the big toes shining like gold because of the thousands of kisses that had been bestowed upon it. Some of the party was interested in the baptism of some babies. I didn't find anything new about it as I had seen several baptized in Brazil. Other places of interest that we visited in Rome were the Forum, Colosseum, English cemetery where Keats and Shelley were buried, the Golden stairway (the one that Luther was climbing when he cried out that man lives by faith and at that point got up and never climbed it on his knees again), the Catacombs, Appian way—Vatican. One of the sweetest experiences in Rome was that with a group of Italian Baptist women one afternoon when Mrs. Maddry addressed them. It was so fine and they seemed so interested in everything she had to tell them. Mrs. Nelson and I were also presented and asked to say something. I felt that the most interesting thing that I could tell them was about how we observe the Day of Prayer Around the World and how we enjoy carrying them and other groups to the Throne of Grace in petitions. Dr. and Mrs. Whittinghill are lovely and have done a great work but they need some one to help them and Southern Baptists must not fail them. From Rome we went to Florence, beautiful Florence, and enjoyed so much the famous art galleries, then Venice and had a lovely time riding in the gondolas on the pretty moonlight nights, next to Milan where we saw Leonardo de Vinci's famous painting "The Last Supper." Italy with its good roads and the clean-up program launched by Mussolini is an interesting place for tourists. It seems that every foot of ground is under cultivation and the flower gardens add much beauty to the homes.

I'll write about other things next time.

Lots of love,

Minnie Landrum.

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Fifteen were baptized by Pastor W. A. Hewitt at First Church, Jackson, last Sunday.

Union Association was called to meet in Port Gibson for a one-day Mission Institute under the leadership of brother Crittendon. Dr. May, our moderator, succeeded in having about 80 per cent of our churches represented. All present were well pleased with the program brother Crittendon presented, and many said it was one of the most profitable days in the history of the Union Association. Most of our people never attend the conventions to get the information that the few receive, but if we are to do effective mission work they must be enlisted. These institutes help acquaint our people with some of our leaders and create a mission consciousness. The cooperative has a different meaning now to those who heard of the work on the field. We feel that Baptists made no mistake in selecting brother Crittendon for this work and our people want him back for another such program. I hope he can touch every association with these speakers. It will do any Christian good to hear them.—C. W. Thompson.

ers out with a shoe shine outfit, ready to give us a shine! We protested and finally, going farther back into his small dark shop succeeded in finding some rubber heels and then by signs made him understand that we wanted the heels put on the shoes. So after a short time the heels were on and we bade them "Adeus" thankful that in good old U. S. A. English is understood from North to South and East to West.

We reached Rome Sunday morning about 8:00 o'clock. We made our headquarters at the Majestic Hotel. After being assigned to our rooms and enjoying coffee, bread and butter (the breakfast on the continent), we began making inquiries about the Baptist churches in Rome. We phoned to Dr. Whittinghill's. His good wife informed us that Dr. Whittinghill had gone with Dr. and Mrs. Maddry to Naples but that she would come by for those who wanted to go to one of the Baptist churches. We waited until eleven but feeling that perhaps something had



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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

### District Three Women

The southern division of District  
Three of our W. M. U. workers  
met with First Baptist Church,  
Grenada, on Feb. 21. There are  
seven counties in this division and  
six of them were represented:  
Montgomery, Grenada, Calhoun,  
Tallahatchie and Yalobusha. There  
were approximately 120 women  
present, seven pastors and one dea-  
con. Forty women were from Gre-  
nada County, the banner in atten-  
dance, and five churches in Yalobu-  
sha County were represented with  
17 women present, the banner  
county in number of churches pres-  
ent.

Misses Evie Landrum and Ed-  
wina Robinson, of the State De-  
partment, were present and led in  
the study of the Year Book in a  
fine way. They are efficient work-  
ers. Miss Fannie Traylor, the ef-  
ficient W. M. U. Secretary, was  
reported improving but not yet  
able to be in these meetings. Mrs.  
Ned Rice, State President, Mrs.  
Presgrove, district leader, Mrs.  
Longest and some other leaders  
were present.

It was a good day. The hostess  
church entertained the visitors  
well. A splendid lunch was fur-  
nished in the basement on the  
each-one-bring-a-sandwich plan. The  
eight men fared fine — though  
rather silent, of course. When can  
we go again?

Pastor W. R. Storie of Duck Hill  
recently had two children in the  
hospital for operations.

Good words come of the work of  
young pastor Rev. J. B. Flowers,  
who recently began as pastor of  
Moorhead Baptist Church. We ex-  
pected such words, since he had  
such splendid tutors as a child in  
his Godly parents, Rev. and Mrs.  
Madison Flowers, then his training  
in college and seminary.

I notice that Dr. and Mrs. B.  
G. Lowrey are now making their

home with Dean Lowrey, their son,  
of State Teachers College, Hatties-  
burg. Poor health has checked use-  
ful lives. He wants to write for  
awhile. May the Lord spare him  
to give some of his rich, ripe ex-  
perience.

The people of Alabama have  
shown good sense and a Christian  
spirit in defeating the proposed  
liquor law recently. Many prayed  
for just such results and now we  
thank God for His answer. Now  
let our own state throw off the  
curse of the sale of beer and wine  
—dashed with hard liquor—vote  
for no one for office this year  
who favors the sale of anything  
like beer, wine or whiskey. Down  
with the drunkards!

Mrs. Arrington, wife of Eugene  
Arrington, of near Coffeeville, died  
of cancer February 27th. She was  
a member of Elam Baptist Church.  
She was a Miss Pate before mar-  
riage. She leaves her husband, sev-  
eral children, brothers and sisters  
to mourn her going. She was buried  
at Broome, her pastor, Rev. J. H.  
Page, conducted the service.

The Coffeeville Baptist Sunday  
school recently honored the super-  
intendent, Deacon J. F. Provine, by  
making him a gift of a nice watch  
in appreciation of his 35 years as  
superintendent. He is faithful to  
the Sunday school and regular  
church services. He and his wife  
celebrated the 50th anniversary of  
their marriage recently. He is  
worthy of the honor bestowed.

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### BAPTIST WORK IN SOUTH BRAZIL

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The Rio Grande do Sul Brazil  
State Convention held its meeting  
during the first days of Novem-  
ber. In many respects it was a  
marvelous meeting.

1. Our church members needed  
to hear the topics which were dis-  
cussed in the meeting. Even  
though our congregations were  
small and our people poor, in com-  
parison to the conventions in the  
United States, we took an offer-  
ing for state and foreign missions  
which represented real sacrificial  
giving. God was with us in that  
high hour.

2. Our churches decided to pub-  
lish and give out thousands of  
tracts. The first ten thousand of  
these tracts are ready and will be  
distributed this coming week.

3. The convention gave one af-  
ternoon to an intensive evangelistic  
campaign. Because of its being  
Decoration Day thousands were go-  
ing to the cemetery, seeking to  
pay tribute to their dead. Hundreds  
and thousands of candles were  
burned to lift the way out of pur-  
gatory. Multitudes wandered  
around in search of something bet-  
ter—for a vital contact with God.  
In the midst of all this there were  
five of us who stood for more than  
two hours and preached the un-  
searchable riches of God's grace.  
There were at least three thou-  
sand people who lingered to hear  
the word of God. They listened to  
every word. They seemed not to be  
tired when darkness drove us  
away. We doubtless could have con-  
tinued to preach and sing for hours  
longer without tiring the people.

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They are thirsty for the word of  
God. Eternity will reveal the re-  
sults of this meeting.

4. There are four large daily  
papers here in this city. They have  
published photographs and articles  
almost without number, small and  
large, about our work. I have never  
known of such an intensive cam-  
paign to be put on in the history  
of our work in Brazil.

5. Our school work continues to  
be a marvel to us and to all those  
who know of its real progress.  
There were four graduates this  
year and four to receive certifi-  
cates. We are looking forward to  
even a more successful year in 35.  
Our enrollment will be only a bit  
more than three hundred this year;  
but in our judgment we have had  
our best year of school work up to  
this time.

The plans of refinancing our  
school on a twenty year basis will  
doubtless be completed this next  
week. God has blessed us so mar-  
velously these last ten years that  
we fear not, the next twenty. Ev-  
ery step will be a step of faith.  
Please join us in prayer that out  
of these sacrificial years may come  
abounding blessing for His cause in  
all the world. "If thy presence go  
not with us, carry us not up hence."

Harley Smith.

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### THE CCC A MISSION FIELD

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The writer left Mississippi on  
December 27, 1934, to take up his  
duties as a chaplain in the Con-  
servation Corps Camps, in north  
Alabama.

There I found myself face to  
face with the task of giving spir-  
itual guidance to more than 1,500  
boys in the seven camps in my sub-  
district. A religious census was  
made, and the returns showed more  
than four hundred Catholics, ap-  
proximately six hundred Protes-  
tants of all denominations, eighty  
Jews, and more than four hundred  
men and boys who have never made  
any profession of faith whatso-

ever. The writer was astounded to  
find that more than twenty-five  
per cent of our young men in this  
Southland have never professed the  
Christ as their personal Saviour.  
Again, I was surprised to learn  
that some of our ministers have  
made very little effort to carry the  
gospel to these boys. The camp  
commanding officers are always  
glad to have the local ministers  
visit their camps and hold service.

Many of our good people have  
adopted the attitude that the CCC  
boys are a low class of boys, and  
that they will not appreciate any-  
thing that is done for them. Some  
have come to the conclusion that he  
is only a potential soldier, and that  
he will make a better soldier if he  
is left in his sins and crudeness.  
Therefore they feel that it is use-  
less to give him any religious  
training.

The Chief of chaplains said once,  
"The better the man is spiritually  
the better soldier he makes."

Permit the writer to ask one  
question, "Does the Lord not love  
the souls of these men and boys  
just as much as he loves yours?"  
Many of these young men are in  
the CCC to get a new start in life.  
Some are saving their money to  
finish their education, others to  
start in business for themselves,  
some are learning professions, and  
most all of them are eager for a  
chance to make something worth-  
while of themselves.

If you have a camp near your  
home, take an interest in these  
boys, and you will find that they  
are appreciative; also you will be  
wonderfully blessed.

Lt. A. L. McKnight,  
Chaplain Sub-Dist. 2, CCC,  
Wilson Dam, Ala.

(A recent graduate from Missis-  
sippi College.)

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tempt is a burden  
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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by L. D. Posey

For March 10, 1935

Subject: Peter Preaches to Gentiles.

Golden Text: Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:34-35.

Scripture: Acts 10:34-48. For supplemental study, read Acts, chapters 10 and 11.

Time: A. D. 41.

Places: Caesarea and Joppa, both on the Mediterranean Sea coast, about thirty-five miles apart. They are on the western coast of Palestine.

### Introduction

A careful study of the eighth chapter of Acts, is rather disastrous to some time honored theories and man-made teachings. We have always been taught that Peter used the "keys" on the day of Pentecost to unlock the kingdom of God to the Jews; and that he also used them in the home of Cornelius to unlock the same kingdom to the Gentiles. The truth is, the eighth chapter of Acts teaches plainly that Philip preached the gospel successfully in Samaria, before Peter preached to Cornelius. The Samaritans were Gentiles. Philip's preaching must have been under the direction of the Spirit, else He, the Holy Spirit, would not have made it effective. He enabled Philip to work miracles and signs to the extent that Simon, the magician, wanted to buy of Peter and John, when they came, the power to lay hands and confer the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please note that these Samaritans were baptized before they received the Holy Spirit. The same chapter also tells of the angel of the Lord having Philip to go down to the highway and come in contact with the Ethiopian eunuch and preach the gospel to him. After the eunuch was saved and then baptized by Philip, "the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip that the eunuch saw him no more; and he, the eunuch, went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus; and passing through he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea." Question: When did the eunuch receive the Holy Spirit? and, to what church did he belong?

This introduction is thus written to provoke Bible study, and to show how far-fetched some of our theories have been.

### The Lesson Studied

The lesson for this date is one of the finest in the New Testament. It also shatters some of our home-made theology.

First of all, Cornelius was one of the finest characters, humanly speaking, in the annals of ecclesiology. There is hardly a Baptist deacon anywhere, that reaches the high moral standard of Cornelius.

Many preachers do not reach it. They fail to keep their wives and children in subjection, and make their homes places of devotion to God. Just one thing wrong with Cornelius. He had not been regenerated. He was unsaved.

In common with the teaching and preaching of my boyhood days, I was taught that it is no use for an unsaved person to pray. That God would not hear and answer him. That teaching was shattered when I read for myself the events recorded in this chapter. God not only heard and answered the prayer of Cornelius, but performed a miracle to let him know that his prayers and alms had reached heaven. Not only so, but the angel visitor told Cornelius where to find a man who could and would tell him all else he needed to know.

Here let us stop and face four great facts:

First. If any man could have been saved without a personal knowledge of and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, surely Cornelius could. But since he could not, then we know that the heathen, guilty of the most abominable sins, are lost without the gospel. For nearly two thousand years we have piddled at the job, and failed to obey our Lord and Savior, while the multitudes have gone to hell. And more are doing that now than ever before while we. . . Well, we render programs and talk budgets.

Second. If God had meant for anybody to be saved other than through the human instrumentality of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, then surely that angel would have told Cornelius, and he would have been saved then and there. Thus again we see our duty and obligation in this great work of giving the knowledge of Jesus to a lost world.

Third. The third great fact here is, that the Holy Spirit prepares the soul for the gospel. He does that through various means, including natural religion, but usually some knowledge of the Bible. Cornelius had evidently in some way, learned from the Jews of the true God, and worshipped Him according to the light he had, so that when he heard the gospel he was ready to believe it.

Fourth. The final element in the salvation of Cornelius, was the divine truth of Jesus. That had to be furnished by the preaching of the gospel. In every birth, physical and spiritual, there are two agents. In the physical, it is father and mother. In the spiritual, it is the divine truth of the gospel of the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. In John 3:5, water is used as a symbol of divine truth. Hence, Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water (divine truth) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Again we see why it is necessary to carry the gospel to the heathen.

Before passing, let me repeat, what, in effect, has already been said, namely, morality has never saved anyone. Our best morals are as filthy rags in the sight of God.

Peter's experience on the house-top in Joppa, was necessary to get

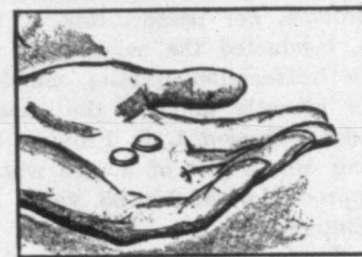
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his Jewish prejudice out of him, so he would preach the gospel to the Gentiles the same as the Jews. It was as hard for him to get rid of his prejudice toward the Gentiles as it is for us to get rid of our prejudice toward the Jews. The New Testament unquestionably teaches that the Jews were to have the gospel first. Through the centuries, nearly all the missionary work has been among the Gentiles to the neglect of the Jews. The same is true now, though in proportion to numbers employed and money expended, mission work among the Jews is the most fruitful of all.

When Peter reached the home of Cornelius, he was ready for the Holy Spirit to lead. His preaching was made effective, Cornelius and his family were saved, the Holy Spirit manifested Himself to all present, as on the day of Pentecost, so that the Jews present with Peter from Joppa, heard the Gentiles "speak with tongues and magnify God." After that, Cornelius with the other Gentiles present who had believed and received the Holy Spirit, were baptized. Question: To what church did they belong?

Some interesting facts meet us here:

First. The gift of the Holy Spirit is not a separate work of grace. He came to these in direct connection with, and at the time of the new birth and their salvation, and both before baptism. Compare these facts with Acts 2:38, and tell why the difference.

Next, the gift of tongues was to forever teach the Jews that the gospel is for the gentiles the same as for them. There was no other way to convince them. It was the only way to break down the wall of separation. It was and is true that salvation is of the Jews, but not FOR THEM exclusively. When they had been convinced of that fact, there was no more need for that special manifestation of tongues than of the semblance of fire as on the day of Pentecost. When present day jabberers show the semblance of fire while they are speaking with tongues as they call it, then, and not till then will they prove themselves something other than hypocritical blasphemers.

—BR—

"You seem to have plenty of intelligence for a man in your position," sneered the sarcastic lawyer, cross-examining a witness.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. A. J. AVEN

(The following is the address of P. I. Lipsey made at the funeral service of his friend, held at Clinton, Miss., on Feb. 21, 1935, at the Baptist Church in Clinton, and published at the request of the family, as many interested friends far and near could not be present.)

The passage of scripture which has been running in my mind for the past twenty-four hours is, "If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father." John 14:28. We have nothing to cause us grief today except the sense of our own loss. For him to die was gain. When I was a small boy I longed for the time when I would be tall enough to see up on the mantelpiece. So I have felt about many passages of scripture, this one among them: I wish I were big enough really to take them in: "If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father." What a day for him this is.

But I am not here today to interpret a passage of scripture. I am here to talk about a friend. After all is not that scriptural? The Bible is from first to last mostly about people. Truth and grace are not an abstraction. They are embodied in men, in flesh and blood. Righteousness is not an ideal it is best expressed in life and conduct. And so I am speaking in these few minutes about one of God's men, one of God's noblemen.

I have for the larger part of a life-time been blessed with his companionship. When I entered the University of Mississippi more than fifty years ago, I found him an upper-class man. It was my good fortune to be his roommate and then his fraternity mate, a member of the same church. I found in him a royal spirit and steadfast friend. After an absence from the state for a short while, I came back to find him a member of the faculty of Mississippi College. Then I became his pastor and we have been neighbors in Clinton and members of this church together for 35 years. This justifies my speaking of him with full knowledge of his worth.

There is one word in which his character may be summed up. This is Loyalty. He was the embodiment, demonstration, definition and interpretation of loyalty. He exhibited it in every relationship.

He was loyal to his ideals.

When I first knew him he was a young man of mature convictions and principles. He had been only a few years at most a Christian. His ideals were fixed and unmistakable. They were genuinely Christian, and he was unfalteringly true to them. It determined his outlook on life, his attitude toward his fellows, and even his physical carriage. In those early years he was the tall, handsome, alert figure that attracted attention and later made him of distinguished appearance in any group. Others granted him a high place in their esteem and the men who taught him looked upon him not as a boy in school, but as a man.

His ideals of life were derived

from Him whom he had owned as Lord, and the Son of Man became his example, to whom he was true through the years that followed.

He was loyal to his friends.

What a high gift it is to have the capacity for friendship! To be able to make friends. What a fellowship is in that word! Jesus called his disciples friends. And He charged them thus, "I say unto you make to yourselves friends." Our friend never lost a friend. They were his life possession. And he added to their number as long as he lived. And this because he was true to them. He was genuinely interested in them, seeking their good, speaking well of them and doing favors for them.

His heart was never surfeited with the number of them. Old friends sought him out, always cherishing his companionship. They came out of their way to see him, many of them after long years of friendship. He loved young people and they became his friends too. Even when some of them thought of him as an old man, they still were drawn to him. For such as these he devoted his life. They were his joy and his crown of rejoicing. What a multitude of them they are today. Some of them have gone on to glory but most of them are serving their generation still. They are ministers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, legislators, congressmen, governors, judges, business men, men in every walk of life. And they are a shining circle of whom he thought with pride. They never passed from his mind and heart.

He was loyal to his family.

He was blessed and happy in his marriage. There is no greater blessing which God gives us on earth than the companionship of one congenial in tastes and aspirations, worthy of esteem and love, and for whom all the pent up affections of the soul can be released without fear of disappointment. This was his blessing from the Lord and how his heart delighted to give its best in love. It was not that he said "I must be loyal," or "I will be loyal." His soul was the spirit of loyalty. Their home was a place where the most fragrant blossoms in an earthly paradise grew unafraid of frosts. With what pride and pleasure he listened in the church services to the voice of his companion as she sang the praise of the Most High.

To them was given one daughter, who grew to womanhood sheltered between them as a flower. Not boastfully, not before the ears of the public, but in the ears of close friends he revealed his pride in her and devotion to her. He told us of Aesop's fable in which some animal boasted of his large number of children to the lion who had only one. "Yes," said the lion, "only one,—but a lion." This interest was widened by the marriage of his daughter and the coming of the grandchildren who grew to worthy manhood and womanhood. To all of these he gave his wealth of loyal affection.

He was loyal to his college.

He was a teacher by choice and by nature. His life was given to

Mississippi College, and he remained with it for 45 years, longer than any other man ever has. He knew all of its presidents since it became a Baptist school, all except the first, Dr. Urner. He knew the second president well, Dr. Hillman. And he served with all the others, five in number, Drs. Webb, Venable, Lowrey, Provine and the present incumbent, Dr. Nelson. He was loyal to the administration of them all. I have never heard him make an unkind criticism of any one of them. He honored them according to their worth. The members of the college faculty were his brothers, and every interest of the institution was in his heart.

And remember that he was loyal when it cost something to be loyal. He came to the college knowing that the salary was small and uncertain. There was no endowment, and tuition fees were meager. He staid through the period of hardship when compensation was hardly more than a third of what it is today. And he gave service as devotedly as if he were paid a princely price. It took a man to give himself thus sacrificially. And I think it made men to do heroic work like that.

He was loyal to his church.

He was a deacon here for more than forty years and during most of that time was chairman of the board. No man ever served more faithfully. He was the joy of every pastor he ever had. He was present morning and night. He taught in the Sunday school, and he was regular in his attendance at prayer meeting.

He was one of the greatest helpers in a revival I ever saw. It was his delight to share in the work of an evangelistic meeting. He was a wise and constant personal worker. He sought out the lost and led them to the Savior. Many are in the kingdom of God today because of his leading them into the way. Many who are active and useful in Christian service now were brought to the Savior by his efforts. The world has been made a better place in which to live and room has been made in heaven for those whom he helped to rescue. He was loyal to his church.

He was loyal to every interest of the kingdom of God. His concern and efforts were not limited to the local church. He believed the mission of the church was to save the lost of all the world and minister to all in the name of the Lord. His sympathies were world-wide. No cause was presented to which he did not contribute. And he was ready to raise his voice in the interest of every department of the work.

He was active in the laymen's brotherhood, always serving on the executive committee. He supplied



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the pulpit for pastors, speaking in the interest of the denominational work. He was a member for several years of the Baptist Convention Board of the State, serving as its recording secretary. He was also a member of the Orphanage Board. He was in every way the friend and helper of young preachers and older ones.

We can and do give thanks to God that he was permitted to live to see the fulfillment of most if not all of his hopes and ideals. He lived to see his friends in places of honorable service in many states and many distant lands. Those whom he taught are passing on the

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## The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

As you see, we have a sweet letter from our Bro. Theodore Cormier today. Do you notice that our gift to him in January came in "a needy time"? Ah, there are many times like that, and we must be very particular not to neglect sending what we want to give him, regularly. Suppose a good many of us should forget about it? Suppose he should not have what he needs? Are you not glad that Bro. Cormier is nearly well from the illness he has had for some months, and that soon he will be back at his beloved preaching work again, he hopes? We have great cause for gratitude in that, my dears. Then, here is Mrs. Austin, bringing us her dues for J. L. Club No. 8, and telling about the flowers she has. She must have a mighty pretty yard. Then there are quite a number of letters bringing answers to Mrs. Mayo's puzzles. I am giving you this week an honor roll of all who sent correct answers to those puzzles during the month of February. At the close of every month we will have the names of those who send correct answers during that month. No, you mustn't ask me to put it in every week: I'm already a little light-headed now, trying to keep up with what I should put in every week. So look out for the last week in the month, and see if your name is on the honor roll. Any person under 13 who sends a correct answer to Mrs. Mayo's puzzles, one or all, that appeared during that month, will be found there. One more thing. (O so much business, these days!) I don't want any of you to get worried because your correct answer did not get into the paper, for there's a reason for this. Fannie Mae's is printed again, today, but don't think it is because I am fond of her, which I am, and of you, too. Her card is post-marked Feb. 22nd, Bobbie Brantley's, Feb. 25th, Nannie Mae Robert's, Feb. 26th, and Ruby Faye Haire's about two days after Fannie Mae's. Her envelope was destroyed, but I remember the later date. Well, you know the rule we made, that the first one that came should go in the paper. The idea is, I think, to go to work on the puzzle as soon as you get the paper. Now see if you can beat her!

We've chatted so much that there's not time to tell you about the money I'm sending today, will tell you next week. With love,  
Mrs. Lipsey.

Bible Study No. 9: March 7, 1935  
Jacob and Joseph's Sons  
Gen. 48:8-22

At our last lesson, Joseph was visiting his father, because he heard he was sick. Jacob was so old that he could not see who it was whom Joseph had brought with him, so he asked Joseph who they were, for he could tell that they were two persons. When Joseph told him they were the two sons that God had given him in Egypt, their grandfather wanted them brought close to him, so that he might bless them. Was not that a beautiful custom of that country, and others, for the old to lay their hands upon children and grandchildren, and ask God's blessing upon them? As the boys came up to him, the old grandfather put his arms around them and kissed them, and said to his son, "I had no idea of seeing you again, and here I am with your two big boys." After this, having taken his sons from his father's arms, Joseph led them

up to him, holding the younger, Ephraim, by his own right hand, and Manasseh, the older by his left hand, so that Ephraim would be in front of Jacob's left hand, and Manasseh in front of his right hand. Joseph wanted his father to lay his right hand on Manasseh, the older, and give him the best blessing, and his left hand on Ephraim, and give him the blessing the younger son would naturally get. But Jacob did not do this. He stretched out his right hand to Ephraim's head, and crossed over his left hand to Manasseh's head. Then he blessed them, and in them their father, saying, "The God of whose presence my fathers, Abraham and Isaac were ever mindful, who has shepherd me all my life, the angel who has delivered me from trouble, bless the boys; may they carry on my name and my fathers' names, and may they grow into a great multitude." Joseph was distressed when he saw how he was laying his hands on the boys' heads, and seized his father's hand from Ephraim's head to lay it on Manasseh's, saying, "No, no, my father, this is the first-born, put your right hand on him." But Jacob did not. "I know, my son, I know," he said, "He will grow into a great nation, but Ephraim, his younger brother, is going to be greater, and his children a multitude of peoples." He went on to say that long years hence, when the Israelites wanted to make a happy wish for a man, they would say, God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh, putting the younger first. And if you read in the Bible about them, you will see that they are always called Ephraim and Manasseh, instead of the other way.

Honor Roll for February  
Members who sent correct answers to Mrs. Mayo's Puzzles:

Nannie Mae Roberts.  
Frances Harrison.  
Bobbie Brantley.  
Ruby Faye Haire.  
Fannie Mae Henley.

Answers to Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 4

1. Jephthah.
2. Egypt.
3. Well.
4. Ezekiel.
5. Laban.
6. Lot.

Answer: JEWELL.  
With love,  
Fannie Mae Henley

Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 5  
1. Where was Christ born?  
2. Who was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire?  
3. Who did David have killed in battle?  
4. What did Gideon's army have in their pitchers?  
5. What was put in the Ark of the Covenant besides the tables of stone and pot of manna?  
6. Who was king when Christ was born?

February 22, 1935.  
Welsh, La.

Dear sister in Christ:

I'm so thankful to you and the Lord for the check of \$7.50 that I received several days ago. It came in such a needy time, it was all the more appreciative. I pray God's blessing upon you and your faithful work with your children's circle.

I have practically regained my health and I will soon resume my

work. Your prayer is much desired.

Your servant in Christ,  
Theo. Cormier.

Hattiesburg, Miss.,  
February 18, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I read the Children's page every week and enjoy the puzzles. I am sending the answers to puzzles No. 2 and 3. I am 10 years old and go to Sunday school, preaching and B. Y. P. U. every Sunday.

I am sending 10 cents for the orphans. Your friend,

Frances Harrison.

We are so glad to have you with us as a member, Frances, and to get your neatly written answers. I hope soon you will be wanting to form a Jeannie Lipsey Club. Read about them in the letter to Edna on the Children's Page of the Baptist Record of February 7th. It is a mighty good thing to do.

Taylor, Miss.,  
February 26, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sending one dollar (\$1.00), dues for Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 8—am I right—February dues if it is too late for February, it will do for March. I enjoy your letters so much. My health is bad, can't feel any better but I keep going and will go as long as my will lasts. Oh, these perilous times; Christians should pray without ceasing, nothing is sin now, seems like.

Wishing you great success with your Christian work in 1935.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. G. Austin.

P. S. Mrs. Lipsey, what box flowers have you, also yard flowers. I have hydrangea, dahlias, hibiscus and several other yard flowers. I have night blooming cereus, Xmas cactus, scarlet geranium, hardy apple geranium, strawberry geranium and salmon color geranium, water melon begonia; last my other begonias. Cane geraniums, and bridal bouquet, very pretty, don't last long, opens at sunrise and closes in afternoon.

Lovingly,

Mrs. M. G. Austin.

That's an interesting postscript, Mrs. Austin. Thank you for the money and the letter. Your flowers are certainly doing better than mine, some of which were frozen.

Myrtle, Miss.,  
Feb. 25, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sorry but I failed to send the answers last week. I am sending both of the answers. I forgot to send my age. I am twelve years old. I will try to send the answers regular from now on.

Yours truly,

Louise Baker.

I am sorry, Louise dear, that you made the mistake you have about these questions you have answered so carefully. They are questions on the Bible story I give every week, and have no contest or prize connected with them. I shall not give them any more. The questions in the contest for the Bible are called "Mrs. Mayo's Puzzles," No. 1, or 2, etc. Mrs. Mayo makes them, and the children send the answers to me. I am certainly sorry you misunderstood.

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1. Yes he was a good business man.
2. He was honest and good to the people.
3. Yes, he was honest with Par-ah.
4. Yes, the land would have gone to the king.
5. Joseph made it a law in Egypt that one-fifth of what each man made should be paid in to the kind.

Louise Baker.

MATCH THIS FAITH AND LOVE  
Baptist Bible Institute Student,  
New Orleans, La.

Recently I made a mission trip in Southern Louisiana on the west side of the river. The people who gathered for worship were mostly French and Philippino mixed. The village where they lived had been filled with gamblers and drunkards until the Gospel came in through Christian mission workers, and these men and women had been led to a personal acceptance of Christ. Then the community was changed to a place quite different.

Most of them seemed to be overflowing with joy in their newly found Saviour and Lord, gladly did they testify as to what Christ had done for them. There was one little woman there whose son had died the week before and she was still grief stricken. Just before her son died he told the people gathered around that he was not afraid to die because he was a Christian, and this testimony and the funeral services combined caused ten people to turn from their sins and accept Christ. Although this mother's heart was still crushed she arose quietly and told the little group gathered for worship that the Lord always knew what was best, and that she thanked God for taking her son because these ten people had been won to Jesus through his death.

I went away realizing that I had never seen such faith and such devotion to Christ nor such a desire to see souls saved. I shall never doubt the good done by mission work in Southern Louisiana.

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Wait on.

I would that all people in all lands  
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From the book "A Greater than  
Solomon is Here," by R. G. Lee.

### Bigham Becomes Leader of Dist. 4

At the going of Mr. Siler from District Four, answering the call of the church of Merigold, Vice-President Bigham of Pontotoc takes over the work of the district. Mr. Bigham is a leader of experience, having served his own church as director and his own association as director. He knows the work, his heart is in the work, and while the district will miss former President Siler, they will suffer no loss in leadership. Mr. Bigham is ready to serve any church or association in his district and will gladly answer your call. He says that District 4 must stand at the head, not only geographically, but in work done for the Master through the Baptist Training Union.

### Before March 31st!

Before March 31st we will mail to each associational director a number of copies of "Convention News," a four page paper carrying information concerning our coming Baptist Training Union Convention. These are to be given at the next meeting of the Associational Baptist Training Union; so be sure to get a copy. If for any reason you do not get a copy, drop us a card and we will mail you one direct. Ready for distribution March 27th.

Zion Senior B. Y. P. U. Banquet  
The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Zion church in Pontotoc County recently gave a banquet to its members and a few friends. The reports are that it was a splendid affair, well attended, good program, fine fellowship and most appetizing menu. This is a fine way to minister to the social life of the young people. Congratulations Zion.

### Calhoun County News

The Derma church has had a

successful training school. Mrs. Baldwin, Associational Director, helping. Mrs. S. L. Dobbs of Calhoun City has been elected to the place of Intermediate Leader, taking the place of Mrs. Ford Harrelson, resigned. Mrs. Dobbs, the leader for a number of years, comes back now after a year's leave of absence. One new B. Y. P. U. is reported in the county. An extension program includes several new unions, and study courses in all unions before the year is out. The association is cooperating fully with the State Baptist Training Union Department.

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### Sunflower Associational B. T. U.

The quarterly meeting of the Sunflower Association of the B. T. U. was called to order at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Doddsville, Miss., by the director of the association, Mr. Andrews of Ruleville. The devotional was conducted by Rev. C. W. Baldrige of Inverness. After a brief song service under the capable direction of Mrs. S. L. McElroy of Drew, Mr. Andrews turned the meeting over to Mr. Wilds, the State Secretary of the B. T. U.

Mr. Wilds then called for the report of the Nominating Committee, who had been selected to choose officers for the association for the ensuing year. C. W. Baldrige, chairman of the committee, made the report.

The following officers were approved and elected:

General Director — Mr. Earl Thomas of Indianola.

Associate Director — Mr. J. B. Hill of Moorhead.

Secretary and Treasurer — Miss Julia Gholston of Inverness.

Chorister — Mrs. S. L. McElroy of Drew.

Pianist — Mrs. J. H. Kyzar of Drew.

Junior - Intermediate Leader — Mrs. Joseph Flowers of Moorhead.

Group Leader (Northern Dist.) — Miss Annie Gate Marion of Ruleville.

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Pastor Advisor — Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Drew.

After the election and introduction of officers Mr. Wilds gave the plan and purpose of the association. The association, Mr. Wilds says, is to serve as a guide to show us where we stand. "It can be compared to a road map," he said.

After Mr. Wilds finished, the new director of the association, Mr. Earl Thomas, took charge. After a short speech of gratitude he opened the floor for an invitation for a place for the next meeting. An invitation from Drew was given and accepted. The program at this meeting is to be planned by the officers and

will be mailed to the ones taking part.

The question arose as to how the mailing was to be financed. It was agreed that a voluntary offering be taken at each meeting to defray expenses. The meeting was then adjourned to meet again on the first Sunday in April at Drew.

Julia Gholston,

Secy.-Treas.

—BR—

### S S ATTENDANCE MAR. 3, 1935

Jackson, First Church .....901  
Jackson, Calvary Church .....905  
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church .....702  
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church .....433  
Jackson, Parkway Church .....252  
Jackson, Northside Church .....75  
Meridian, First Church .....763  
Hattiesburg, First Church .....511  
Crystal Springs Baptist Church 317  
Clinton Baptist Church .....381  
Columbus, First Church .....763  
Laurel, First Church .....503  
Laurel, West Laurel Church .....525  
Laurel, Second Ave. Church .....289  
Laurel, Wausau Church .....57  
Mt. Ora Baptist Church

(Jones Co.) .....92  
Columbia, First Church .....514  
Clarksdale Baptist Church .....432  
Quitman, First Church .....229  
Springfield Baptist Church .....120  
Lena Baptist Church .....45  
Florence Baptist Church .....121

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### B. T. U. ATTENDANCE MAR. 3

Jackson, First Church .....177  
Jackson, Calvary Church .....162  
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church .....255  
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church .....214  
Jackson, Parkway Church .....90  
Jackson, Northside Church .....28  
Crystal Springs Baptist Church.. 97  
Laurel, West Laurel Church .....118  
Columbus, First Church .....191  
Clarksdale Baptist Church .....117  
Quitman, First Church .....103  
West Point, First Church .....115  
West Point, First Church

(Feb. 24) .....120  
Springfield Baptist Church .....60  
Skene Baptist Church .....50  
Bethsaida Baptist Church  
(Neshoba Co.) .....75  
Deemer Baptist Church  
(Neshoba Co.) .....50  
Florence Baptist Church .....31

—BR—

### WILL BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE CONTINUE DOING MISSION WORK?

Urban R. Pattillo, Student from South Carolina

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Yes, and in even a greater way than ever before if friends of the Institute will assist the students in raising money to buy new buses. The old ones now in use are beyond repair and ready to be junked. The students realized that if the great missionary work of the school was to be carried on, new buses would

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WHEN YOU CATCH COLD.  
THEN COUGHING STARTS!



## PERTUSSIN

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have to be secured. With the full approval and support of the president and faculty the students organized a movement which would seek to raise money for this vital and worthy cause of Christ.

Two new buses would assure continuance of the practical religious work of the school. Then it would be possible to open up new mission stations, thus carrying the Gospel to additional thousands in Southern Louisiana and ultimately to the world, because of the large number of foreigners receiving the message of salvation. The students also would be given dependable means of transportation to student conferences and conventions.

The school must have these buses. Baptist Bible Institute students are expecting their friends over the South to respond by giving to this definite missionary cause, which will give transportation to the students for years to come. Please send money to the Baptist Bible Institute, 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana, and designate it for the "Student Bus Fund."



## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Barnes, Hattiesburg, Miss., who on December 24, 1934, very quietly celebrated their "golden wedding" with members of the family present. This beloved couple have spent the greater part of their useful lives in and near Hattiesburg, having previously had sawmill and timber interests, and now large farming acreage in this section. They have always been very active in religious endeavor and all movements for the betterment of community interests. The following children are profoundly grateful for the influence and preservation of these lives: Ollie E. Barnes, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Dennis F. Brown, nee Marion Barnes, Macon, Ga.; Floyd C. Barnes, Drew, Miss.; Messrs. Oscar L., Bradley B., and Stinson S. Barnes, all of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Irving S. Barnes and Misses Bess and Imolee Barnes, all of Jackson, Miss. Providence has permitted these years without a broken link in this immediate family.

#### CONCERNING R. R. RATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

By Austin Crouch

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday, May 15, 1935. The Woman's Missionary Union will meet Monday, May 13, 1935.

The Southeastern Passenger Association, which includes the territory lying south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and east of the Mississippi River, has advised that the rates within this territory will be as follows:

"During the period of reduced experimental one-way fares Southeastern carriers have in effect daily reduced round-trip fares on basis of 2 cents per mile in each direction for tickets bearing limit of 15 days in addition to date of sale, and 2½ cents per mile in each direction for tickets bearing limit of six months in addition to date of sale, going and returning same route, tickets being honored in sleeping or parlor cars upon payment of sleeping or parlor car charges, also round-trip tickets good in coaches only on basis of double the lower one-way coach fare which is 1½ cents per mile, with certain exceptions in the extreme western part of the territory where the coach rate in 2 cents per mile, with limit 30 days in addition to date of sale. The carriers have decided that during the experimental period no other reduced fares will be authorized for conventions held in the Southeast except that for the larger conventions diverse route fares open to the public are authorized on basis of 50 per cent of the 15 day limit

and six months' limit fares, respectively, via route traveled in each direction, i.e., 2 cents per mile via route traveled in each direction for tickets bearing limit of 15 days in addition to date of sale and 2½ cents per mile via route traveled in each direction for tickets bearing limit of six months in addition to date of sale. Diverse route fares, open to the public will, therefore, be authorized for your meeting from points in the Southeast, except that no diverse routes will apply in Florida south of Jacksonville nor between the A. C. L. R. R. and S. A. L. Ry. through the Virginia gateways. These diverse route tickets will be sold May 9-17, inclusive."

Application has been made for reduced rates from the other passenger associations, covering the territory not embraced in the Southeastern Passenger Association. More than likely the rates in these other associations will be one and one-third for round trip, on the Identification-Certificate plan, going and returning the same route. These associations are expected to place tickets on sale May 9 to 17, inclusive, with the limit of 30 days in additions to date of sale.

It will not be necessary for messengers living within the territory of the Southeastern Association to have Identification Certificates as the rates of this association are open to the general public, but it will be necessary for those living outside the boundary of the Southeastern Passenger Association to secure Railroad Identification Certificates.

Announcement concerning Identification Certificates, etc., will be made at a later date.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. A. J. AVEN

(Continued from page 11)

torch to others in a multitude of places. He lived to see his grandchildren coming into strong manhood and beautiful womanhood. He lived to see the college grow out of its limitations into large field of service. He rejoiced to see the church which he loved come into a suitable place of worship and to exercise a wide influence in the work of the kingdom. He could well adopt the words of Simeon, "Now lettest thou thy servant, Lord, depart in peace according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

A few here today may not have known him in his active years. You have seen him shut in by the loss of his sight, and have not seen him in the full exercise of his powers. It is true that some months ago God touched his eyes and closed them that the eyes of his soul might be opened. The vision of a world which he loved and in which he had served had been cut off. But yesterday he opened his eyes upon the vision of the King whom no man hath seen, upon the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, with its gates of pearl and streets of gold, where the glory of the Lord makes the sun no longer needed. "For the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever."

## Doctors Know!

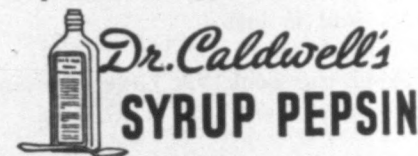
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QUESTIONS ASKED A FOREIGN MISSIONARY ON FURLOUGH

V. What is your estimate of the revival in North China?

The first and greatest revival in the Far East swept over Korea about thirty years ago. Those who had accepted Christ experienced a deeper spiritual life, giving themselves more zealously to soul winning. Great numbers of unbelievers were convicted of sin and became members of the body of Christ. Results of that revival are still being felt. It was the real beginning of the great movement toward Christ in Korea, where Christianity has made greater progress than in any other non-Christian land, characterized to this day by personal evangelism.

Then came the revival in Manchuria, not so intense as the great religious awakening in Korea, but manifestations of God's Spirit were the same as in the Hermit Kingdom. Christians were not only brought closer to Christ, but gave themselves more earnestly to witnessing among their people. Numbers formerly indifferent to Christ were convicted of sin and accepted Him as Savior. Many who had persecuted the church accepted Christ as Lord. The great impetus given to Christianity in Manchuria has continued.

The present revival in North China is the greatest known in the history of missions in all China. It came largely as a result of earnest prayer and much teaching and preaching on sin. There can be no doubt that this also is the working of the Spirit of God among His people. There is such a conviction of sin among Christians as has never before been known in China. Thousands of Christians have experienced a great deepening of their spiritual lives. Their love for God and the lost has impelled them to soul winning in a way that had never been known in North China. The Chinese are not emotional as a rule, but the Spirit has awakened them to such an extent that great feeling of heart and soul has been manifest. The result is that the churches have been revived because men and women have come more fully into the reality and fullness of life. People have given up their business, their farms, and other vocations for voluntary preaching of the gospel to their people. Back tithes amounting to hundreds of dollars are being laid upon the altar. Thousands of others are accepting Christ as Lord.

Excesses there have been, it is true, but these have attended all great revivals in Europe and America, as well as those in eastern lands. These, however, are not attributable to the spirit of God, but to the frailties and weaknesses of human nature. There has been an increase in love, faith and earnestness, zeal, and power of the Spirit in the lives of God's people. These attributes have been honored by God. There may be shouting and hallelujahs, due to forgiveness of sins and the great joy of salvation; and even some who have not felt this joy may so cry aloud,

feeling that it is expected of them. There are those who were really unwilling to speak with tongues who state that they were, by some unseen force, impelled to utter syllables not intelligible to themselves or to others. We would not dare say this was of the evil one. There has, too, been loud praying. But God's answers to those who have sought Him were not due to exclamations, to tongues, nor loud prayers, but to the love, faith and earnestness back of these. The danger comes in some ignorantly supposing that these things are the cause, rather than sometimes results, and herein is the danger: that such be magnified, as is sometimes done by the ignorant uninstructed. But among both our missionaries and Chinese brethren there has been from the beginning an effort to avoid excesses.

It must be borne in mind that where the Spirit works there the devil likewise works. His power was probably more manifest just before, during and following the life of Christ on earth than during any other similar period of history. It would not surprise us then that he should try to take advantage of the present manifestations of the Spirit in China at this time and seek to embarrass, hinder and even destroy the work of revival as he has sought to do on many occasions. He would like to create conditions such as would prejudice good people against this great revival movement.

Some seem disturbed because of the reports that sick people have actually been miraculously healed. Let them remember that this is not the first time people have been healed.

God answers prayers, and at certain times He has given Himself special witness through manifestations of unusual power. Granting that the sick were healed in the early years of Christianity, and that we can actually do all things through Him, then we should not be surprised that some are being healed of diseases and evil spirits at this time of special manifestation of His power in China. Some ask: "Then why does He not do the same here, and why not heal all?" Miracles should not be necessary to faith in America, nor is there evidence that all the sick in Palestine were healed by the Lord or the apostles. In some quarters lack of faith made healing impossible. Even Paul had his infirmities and the apostles ultimately died. But with God truly there are times and seasons.

Southern Baptist missionaries in China and Christians led to Christ by them have had a large part in this revival. It really began in the Pingtu field, in Shantung province, where Southern Baptist missionaries to China have done perhaps their most intensive work. We should rejoice that God has so honored our prayers, our preaching and our money. We missionaries in Manchuria have an excellent view of it from our part of Asia. We see even there blessings of its power. A report from North Manchuria, to appear in Home and Foreign Fields will show how those

who have caught the fire in Shantung are carrying it into the far north. Baptist families not taking the Baptist paper of their state and Home and Foreign Fields are robbing themselves of much that is good.

An extract from the letter of a senior missionary may be of interest since he labors right in the midst of the revival: "I was out on my last trip fifteen days, preaching seventy-six times. I came home worn out, and must not go at it so hard hereafter. But I have not seen so many open doors for preaching. I have never found the people more interested in Bible teaching—thanks to the revival. I am for it heart and soul. There have been some excesses, I am sure. So far as I know no one takes the stand that to be filled with the Holy Spirit one must speak in tongues. The more extreme are finding their balance. We are so far—so very far—ahead of what we were before the revival that I cannot see how anyone could oppose it. However, because of our relation to the revival we missionaries and Southern Baptists have a great responsibility resting upon us to make the best of the opportunities and obligations it brings to us."

Charles A. Leonard, Sr.  
Harbin, Manchuria.

BAPTIST HOME NEWS

When two hundred and fifty healthy and active children can "rough it" for almost a year without an accident in which a bone is broken, that is some record. When the same number can go almost 9 months without an operation for appendicitis, that is also a record. But last Sunday we set a new record: About two o'clock in the afternoon one of our boys, Ford Curry, was operated on for appendicitis, and about four-thirty one of our girls, Johnnie Gordon, broke one of her limbs. Dr. Frank Hagan assisted by Dr. Garrison performed the operation and set the bones.

These warm days have given us "Spring Fever." Mr. Armstrong, our farm supervisor, and his boys have already planted some potatoes and English peas, and put out some onion sets. We expect to have the usual thirty to forty acres of garden to provide vegetables for the Home.

Recently the Board of Trustees have negotiated a deal by which the thirty-two acres on which the buildings are located will be added to the gas lease, under terms by which we will get the total output

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from the thirty-two acres instead of a fourth as under the old contract. This should increase our gas receipts by about thirty per cent. Last year the total receipts from the gas were fourteen hundred dollars, or a little more than one hundred dollars per month.

On March the 12th, Dr. and Mrs. Cox of the Musical Department of the Mississippi Woman's College, will give a musical recital at Central High School of Jackson, and the proceeds will go to the Baptist Home for Children. This recital is sponsored by the Baptist Home Auxiliary.

Rev. Jack Cranford, pastor of Davis Memorial Church, where our children worship, is planning B. Y. P. U. study courses for the near future. Our children participate in these courses almost one hundred per cent.

Dr. Patterson, head of the Department of Religion of Mississippi College, will deliver a series of discussions of the Gospel According to St. John at the Davis Memorial Church next week. Our children will attend as many of these as possible.

—Kathryn Dilworth, Reporter.

"You ought to be X-rayed," the specialist said to a man who had come to him for examination.

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### MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention met with Union Church, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17th, at 2 o'clock, and a splendid program on "Sunday School Reaching Church Members" was presented to a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Rev. R. L. Smith conducted the devotional reading and commenting from Philippians 3rd chapter, and prayer was offered by Dr. Carter, after this the convention went into a business session, and the following resolution was read and adopted.

#### Resolution

WHEREAS: Mississippi has always voted dry when given a chance, and the people of the state did not vote to legalize beer.

WHEREAS: Beer has proven itself harmful by increasing drunkenness, causing accidents and fostering other evils that go with alcoholic drinks.

#### Be It Resolved:

FIRST: That the Pike County Baptist Sunday School Convention condemn legal beer in Pike County.

SECOND: That the members of the Sunday schools be urged to propagate the truth about the harm of beer, and other intoxicating liquors that go with it, and do everything in their power to get legal beer out of Pike County as soon as possible.

THIRD: That this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Convention, and a copy given each paper in our county, and a copy sent to the Baptist Record.

After the program was presented, there being no further business the Convention was dismissed with prayer. The next meeting of the Convention will be with Thompson church, the second Sunday afternoon in March, at 2 o'clock.

Sincerely,

J. A. Terrell, Sec.

### BETTER CHURCH MUSIC

I read with interest your editorial paragraph, in last week's Baptist Record, commenting on the situation in our churches as regards the music. I heartily agree with you. Give us more along that line. We need it.

For several years I have been noticing with deep concern the trend of the music in our churches, which, as it seems to me, has been one of steady decline and deterioration. We have made progress as churches along many lines—in our teaching and training services, our organizations, our educational methods and facilities, etc.—but we have gone backward in our music.

The dignity, the beauty, the reverence, the spiritual and scriptural appeal that should always characterize church music, have not always been present. In fact, often those qualities have been entirely absent.

The cheap character of the popular variety of secular music has influenced our church music until much of it has become so jazzified that the spiritual element has been completely submerged and our re-

action to it has become mainly physical.

Our churches have been victimized also by the popular, commercial song writers and song book publishers and compilers. Churches have had to buy books every year or so in order to keep pace with the procession and to keep up with the latest so called gospel songs and hymns. The fact that very few of these popular productions, which we were so loudly and vociferously singing a few years ago, are rarely heard today proves the shallowness and cheapness of their quality. Hymns and gospel songs with a real, worthwhile, spiritual message do not die so quickly.

Even our great old standard hymns, in many instances, in the usual jazzy style of rendition, are in danger of losing much of their original charm and message. These should be rescued from their jiggy, jazzy, musical vehicle before they are jogged to death.

Now the question is, what can be done about it?

My answer is, first, that the pastors themselves can give more attention to the music program of their churches. They can tactfully eliminate the cheap popular types of music, both vocal and instrumental, and bring back in their stead the "hymns, psalms and spiritual songs," and see that the numbers rendered on "instruments and organs" carry a spiritual message. They can see that the message of the music and the music of the message have a clear gospel ring.

In the second place, the churches can do something. They can support the pastors in a program of musical appreciation and training for the people. Church schools of music, conducted much after the order of our Sunday school, B. T. U., and Mission Training Schools, would eventually correct the wrong tendency in our church music and elevate it to the high place which the Scriptures give it.

We have just concluded such a school in our church. Prof. I. E. Reynolds, director of the department of music in our Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was director of this school.

Mr. Reynolds is highly qualified to render such service. He has the right idea, the Scriptural idea, about the proper place of music in the program of our churches. He knows the type of music needed, how to render the music effectively and make it the vehicle of the gospel message intended. The week he spent with us was, as I see it, invaluable. Already I can see a definite change for the better in our music.

Third, the denomination can put in the field men who are qualified to hold such schools in our churches. This, in my judgment, would be a far-reaching stroke of denominational wisdom. It is needed, and needed badly.

I am enclosing a copy of the program of the school of music as we conducted it here. This program will give you a fair idea of the field covered in the school.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Franks.

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### BAPTIST HOME NEWS

One of our eight year old boys, a boy without a home or any one to care for him, except as we care for him, was in our Baptist Hospital, with what was diagnosed as double pneumonia. We were told that he probably would not live. We were also told that if we had an oxygen tent, and some oxygen, and had special trained nurses, with him it would increase his chances to live. The hospital provided him with a special ward, without any cost to the Home. So we said get the nurses, get the oxygen tent and oxygen, in order to save his life. But these cost us about \$75.00, and any church, church group, W. M. U., Sunday school, etc., can do a fine bit of service by sending us money to pay these bills, and realize that the group contributed to saving the life of an eight year old boy, who had no other home or friends.

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home, food, clothing, training and opportunities during the month of March, because a friend of such children, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent us a check this week for \$80.00. Or to state it in another way, this friend provided one child with a home, training, Christian influence, etc., for almost a year, by his generosity in sending this check. We believe that he will be blessed for this.

Last week, Mr. J. M. Calmes, Jr., of the Calmes Stores of Brooksville, sent 10 dozen suits of underwear for the boys. This is a very worthy donation and is greatly appreciated by our boys.

—Kathryn Dilworth, Reporter.

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### Imagination

A well-known Royal Academician who noticed a drawing of a fish by a pavement artist asked the man what sort of fish it was supposed to be.

"A shark, sir!"

"But you've never seen a shark," said the R. A.

"That's true, sir," the man agreed: "but then, don't some of those academy chaps paint angels?"

—Louisville Times.

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